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Baptist Annual State Meeting Next Week

The 140th annual session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention will open Tuesday morning at First Baptist Church, Jackson. The convention has been held in the auditorium of this church each year since 1942.

The annual convention of Southern Baptists in Mississippi is for the purpose of adopting a budget and hearing reports from its various phases of work. Some 1,900 churches in the state with memberships totaling about 600,000 cooperate with the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

An array of inspirational speakers will be heard during the 2½ day meeting. The keynote address will be the annual convention sermon to be preached by Rev. Hardy Denham on Tuesday morning. Rev. Denham is pastor of First Baptist Church, Newton.

The alternate for the annual sermon is Rev. Lucius Marion, pastor of Clarksdale Baptist Church in Clarksdale.

Dr. James Richardson will be completing one term as president of the convention with

the meeting next week. He will deliver the annual president's address, also on Tuesday morning.

The theme for the convention will be "Give Me a Vision, Lord."

Dr. John Lee Taylor, pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada, is chairman of the committee on order of business, which is responsible for suggest-

ing a program for convention adoption and helping the president see that it runs smoothly.

On Wednesday evening a new movie, on Baptist work in Mississippi, "The Whale that Came to Mississippi," will be previewed. It will be shown on eight local television stations in Mississippi in December and also be available

for showing in local churches in December.

A budget of \$7.3 million will be brought before the convention for consideration. This will include a basic section of \$7,004,000 and an advance section of \$296,000. The basic section includes \$2,073,510 for institutions and agencies; \$2,470,333 for Convention Board pro-

grams, and \$276,427 for administration and promotion. This makes a total of \$4,828,570 of the proposed budget to go to causes in Mississippi.

In addition the basic budget would provide \$2,169,430 to go to Southern Baptist Convention causes and \$6,000 to go to the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, which is made up of Southern Baptist work in North Dakota, South Dakota, Wyoming, and Montana.

All of the basic budget would be met before allocations would be made under the advance section, which includes \$75,000 for institutions and agencies, \$96,770 for Convention Board programs, and \$124,230 for Southern Baptist Convention causes.

Two other meetings related to the Mississippi Baptist Convention will be held on Monday. They are the pre-convention meeting of the Convention Board to meet Monday afternoon, and the afternoon and evening meetings of the Mississippi Baptist Men's Conference.

Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, is president of the Convention Board and will preside during its meeting.

All during the afternoon on Monday the annual statewide conferences for Baptist Men will get

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First Baptist Church, Jackson, site of the 1975 Mississippi Baptist Convention Nov. 11-13.

Missionaries

Stay In

Troubled Beirut

BEIRUT, Lebanon (BP) — At last report six Southern Baptist missionaries and two Southern Baptist volunteers had elected to remain in Beirut in spite of the American consul's advice that non-essential persons evacuate Lebanon.

Three others still in Beirut were making tentative travel plans.

The seminary there, with eight students, is still in operation. Missionary personnel say they will probably remain as long as seminary studies can continue and food

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Baptist Men's Meeting

Mission Action To Be The Focus On Nov. 10

Beginning at 2:30 p.m. Nov. 10, at Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, the afternoon portion of the Men's program will emphasize Mission Action.

Following the viewing of a new film, "Cipher in the Snow," there will be three divisions of conferences. One conference will relate to Association Brotherhood Leadership. Dan West, director of missions in Simpson Association, will serve as convener while Guy Cul-

ver, director of missions in Union Association, and Ervin Brown, director of missions in DeSoto Association, will serve as conference leaders. A second conference will relate to Church Brotherhood directors and Baptist Men's leadership. Nat Bullock, brotherhood director in Hinds Association, will coordinate the conference. Assisting him as conference leaders will be James McLemore, pastor, Thirty-eighth Avenue Baptist

Church, Hattiesburg, and Paul Vandercook, director, Seaman's Services Ministries on the Gulf Coast.

The third conference will include church Royal Ambassador leadership. C. H. Locklin, pastor, Westview Baptist Church, Jackson, will direct the conference. Tim Fields of the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, will be a conference leader.

The purpose of these conferences is to help associations and churches to be more practical and diligent at the point of Mission Action.

The annual Brotherhood banquet will begin at 5:30 p.m. and will feature Dan McBride of Texas, a nationally known humorist. Tickets costing \$2 may be purchased from the Brotherhood Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss. 39205.

The Baptist Men's Conference begins at 7:30 p.m. Activities of the evening will include a musical presentation by Baptist Men of Grenada Association, directed by Vernon Polk, Minister of Music, First Baptist Church, Grenada. The events of the evening will feature two speakers. W. David Dunavant, a Memphis physician, and Landrum Leavell, president of New Orleans Seminary.

Architectural Firms Named For New Retreat

Three architectural firms and a landscaping firm have been chosen to provide plans for the buildings and grounds of the new Central Hills Baptist Retreat near Kosciusko.

Dr. W. Levon Moore, director

of associational missions for Atlanta Baptist Association and chairman of the committee for development of the property, announced the names of the firms, with offices in Jackson and Starkville.

The three architectural firms are all Jackson based. They are Gamblin and Smith, architects; Dean and Dean, architects; and Jernigan, Hawkins and Harrison, architects and engineers. Associated with the other firms in the planning stage is Calvin Taylor, LTA, Ltd., planning consultants and landscape architects of Starkville. The latter firm also has an office in Jackson.

Taylor is also on the faculty of Mississippi State University in the Department of Landscape Engineering.

Dr. Moore said work would begin immediately on the master plan for the 360-acre tract. Work will begin soon also on the complete building plans for the first phase of construction, he indicated.

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Bicentennial Feature

Imprisoned Baptists Use Jail Window Pulpit

CHESTERFIELD, Va., February, 1771 (BP)—Two Baptist evangelists, imprisoned because they refused to quit preaching the gospel, have turned their prison sentence into a revival meeting. As they preach through the iron bars of their cell in Chesterfield County jail, many hearers are being converted, observers say.

The ministers are William Webber and Joseph Anthony. They were arrested in December, 1770, and charged with disorderly conduct. Their offense was preaching without the authority of the state church of Virginia in Baptist meetings.

Tried in January, Webber and Anthony were ordered to post bond that they would not preach again in the county. They told the court they could not comply in good conscience and would go to prison first. The court tried to silence the Baptists by confining them to jail, but the sentence has only heightened the fervor of the evangelists.

Webber and Anthony no longer can go to their congregations; now their congregations come to them. The Baptists preach twice a week to the throngs gathered outside the jail.

Their cell window has become a pulpit. Placing their Bible and hymnbook on the window sill, the prisoners preach from the jail. The grating before them confines the preachers to their cell, but their voices carry easily to those on the outside.

The Baptist cause scarcely flickered in Chesterfield County prior to the arrest of the evangelists. Authorities are expected to end their abortive attempt to silence the evangelists by setting them free.

Webber and Anthony came here from Goochland County where Baptists are gaining strength. The preachers were invited to conduct meetings here by residents of the county, but they discovered on their arrival that the authorities permit only ministers of the established church to preach.

Prepared for Baptist Press by the Southern Baptist Historical Commission, Nashville.

Mississippians Appointed By Foreign Board

FALLS CHURCH, Va. — The Rev. and Mrs. J. Larry Cox were among 16 missionaries appointed during the November meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Columbia Baptist Church here. They expect to be assigned to the Ivory Coast, West Africa, where he will be engaged in religious education promotion work.

They are living in Vicksburg, Miss., where he is minister of education at First Baptist Church.

Cox was born in Lexington, Miss., and lived near there in Black Hawk and in Greenwood while growing up. After studying at Mississippi State University he was graduated from Mississippi Col-

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MC Names Kosciusko Attorney Top Alumnus

CLINTON — A prominent attorney and a retired dentist received the two top awards given out annually by the Mississippi College Alumni Association as the group held its award banquet as part of the Sesquicentennial Homecoming activity on Saturday.

George J. Thornton of Kosciusko, one of the state's most successful attorneys and a member of the college's Board of Trustees, was honored as "Alumnus of the Year" for 1975, while Dr. Daniel C. York of Bellefontaine, one of the college's top benefactors, was presented with the "Order of the Golden Arrow" award.

The presentations were made by Dr. Lewis Nobles, president of the college, during the traditional buffet dinner of the Association held as part of the institution's 150th anniversary celebration.

Revelation of the recipients was one of the high moments in a full day that saw thousands of graduates, former students, and

friends return to the campus for reunion meetings, a business session, a concert by Anita Bryant, and the football game between Mississippi College and Nicholls

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Dr. Lewis Nobles (right), president of Mississippi College, congratulates three honorees after they were presented with special awards at the annual Alumni Association banquet held in conjunction with Homecoming. From the left are George J. Thornton, Kosciusko, recognized as "Alumnus of the year" for 1975; Dr. Daniel York, Bellefontaine, presented with the "Order of the Golden Arrow" Award; and James Lambuth, McComb, recognized for his leadership as president of the Association during 1974-75.

Texas Baptists Discuss Charismatics; Seat All

By Dan Martin

DALLAS (BP) — The charismatic or neo-pentecostal movement, which has stirred conflict in many denominations, has created new controversy in the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

Expected controversy failed to appear at early sessions of the convention's 90th annual meeting here. The question of seating elected "messengers" from churches with charismatic ministries surfaced briefly, but even then the reference was oblique rather than direct. No attempt was made to deny seating of messengers.

However, at the final session, the matter came up in two separate resolutions. One was a direct challenge. The other did not specifically mention charismatics, and probably is much broader than the neo-pentecostal movement.

On the direct challenge, messengers resoundingly defeated a request by J. J. Wolf, pastor of Pinemont Baptist Church, Houston, that the administration of the 2.2-million member body poll its 4,400 churches and missions "to find out their acceptance or rejection of neo-pentecostal doctrine and practice."

Wolf was author of a critical resolution which was passed Oct. 19 by the Union (Houston) Baptist Association. It said the charismatic movement is "of the Devil" and "unscriptural."

He told messengers he is a Baptist and said the basic Baptist fellowship is "based upon faith and practice," and said he is concerned about exchange of mem-

bers with charismatic churches. There "are parameters of what constitutes Baptist faith and practice," he said.

The motion drew opposition from several Baptists, including Jimmy Allen, pastor of First Baptist Church, San Antonio, who said the move would bring Texas Baptists dangerously close to "creedalism."

Another, Buford Harrell of First Baptist Church, Lamarque, said the Baptist General Convention of Texas "is not a tribunal of doctrine."

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Oct. Cooperative Program Gifts Are \$601,921

Cooperative Program receipts for October through the office of Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board amounted to \$601,921.

This was an increase of \$9,633 over the same month of 1974, which was the smallest increase for 1975 over the same month of 1974. In August, however, there was a decrease of \$68,111 compared with the same month of last year.

The October figure was \$4,425 more than that for September of this year, and while it was a small increase over October 1974, it was the fourth largest month of this year.

The October receipts brought the total for the year to \$5,425,672. This is \$74,328 short of the pro rata budget figure for 10 months of \$5,500,000. It is however, \$472,367 more than the figure for the first 10 months of last year.

"We are in striking distance of completing the year by attaining the largest budget ever adopted by the Mississippi Baptist Convention," Dr. Kelly said. "What this would mean in missions efforts here and around the world would be measured only in eternity," he declared.

State Meeting Next Week

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under way at Parkway Baptist Church in Jackson. Then at 5:30 p.m. a dinner meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Parkway Baptist Church with Dan McBride, a religious satirist and humorist from Jacksonville, Texas, furnishing the entertainment.

Following the meal an inspirational meeting will be held in the church's auditorium. Dr. Landrum Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and Dr. David Dunavant, a Memphis physician, will speak.

Five out-of-state speakers, including Dr. Jaroy Weber, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be heard during the Mississippi Baptist Con-

vention. Weber, the pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, will be the closing speaker on Thursday morning.

Two seminary related speakers will be heard on Tuesday afternoon and Wednesday morning. On Tuesday the speaker will be Dr. Malcolm Tolbert, a member of the faculty of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. On Wednesday morning Dr. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will speak.

Another out-of-state speaker, also of Fort Worth, will be Dr. Paul Stevens, a former Mississippian, now president of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. He will speak on Wednesday evening.

Dr. W. C. Fields, to speak on Wednesday afternoon, is

also a former Mississippian. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City and editor of the Baptist Record, the Mississippi Baptist weekly newspaper. He is now assistant to the executive secretary and director of public relations for the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Four Mississippians will speak during a feature to be called Bible Treasure. They are Rev. Kermit McGregor, pastor of Temple Baptist Church, Hattiesburg; Rev. J. Carroll Hamilton, pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Meridian; Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor of First Baptist Church, Carthage; and Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson.

Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary - treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention

Board, will be in charge of a Co-operative Program emphasis and state missions feature on Tuesday evening. Dr. Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor of Mountain Brook Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., will speak during this period.

The instrumentalists for the convention will all be from First Baptist Church of Jackson. Robert Lee will be organist, Mrs. Eva Hart will be pianist, and Mrs. David Roddy will be assistant pianist.

Other officers of the convention are Marvin Graham of Olive Branch, first vice president; Rev. Mose Dangerfield of Biloxi, second vice president; Horace Kerr of Jackson, recording secretary; and Rev. W. Tom Baddeley of Brandon, associate recording secretary.

State Convention Personalities



McGregor



Pollard



Kennedy



Sheffield



Miller



Hamilton



Aultman



Evans

John Lee Taylor
Program
Chairman



Bible Treasure
Speakers

Panel Convenors
For State Work

Architectural Firms Named

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The name of the property, Central Hills Baptist Retreat, was chosen at a previous meeting of the development committee. In addition to Dr. Moore the committee includes Murray Alexander, a planter of Greenville; Hayes Callicutt, an attorney of Jackson; Joe Pigott, a circuit judge in McComb; and R. F. Robinson, a contractor in Fulton.

Ex officio members are Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary-treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Dr. Harold Kitchings, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, and president of the Convention Board; and Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Leland, and president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

firms which responded. The final selection was made from six firms, he said.

In a prepared statement, Dr. Moore declared, "This association of firms represents a staff of highly trained and experienced personnel in all the disciplines necessary to do a complete job of preparing a master plan, providing all the surveys and studies necessary to complete a comprehensive design of the project, provide all engineering skills required, prepare working drawings for all buildings, and provide supervision and inspection of the project while under construction."

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Seminary Plans Building, Renovation Of Housing

LOUISVILLE (BP)— On the heels of a record-breaking enrollment year, Southern Seminary has announced plans for a \$3 million construction program to upgrade married student housing facilities.

1, 1977, is expected to contain from 70 to 80 two-bedroom apartments. About \$400,000 of the expected costs will be paid from funds from the Cooperative Program.

Texas Baptists Discuss Charismatics; Seat All

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen and Singing Women have received an invitation to sing at the Mississippi Baptist Convention from Dr. James Richardson, president.

A 25 minute program of patriotic music selected from their new recording, "1776-1976... Lead On" will be presented at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, November 11, 1975, in the sanctuary of the First Church, Jackson.

The Mississippi Singing Churchmen is composed of male ministers of music from all over the state. Their partner group, The Singing Women, includes women involved in church music throughout the state. This will be one of several concerts given during the year. Don't miss this musical celebration of the bicentennial!

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770 campuses around the country. Money gathered will be channeled through state Baptist convention offices for use by Southern Baptist foreign missionaries already on the field in Bangladesh.

The missionaries then will allocate the money to begin work on predetermined needs in the country.

One of the projects will be to build 10 vegetable gardens in the Feni area which will assist 350 families for a six-month period. Money will be used by missionaries

A fish pond project is designed to aid marginal or non land-owning families to supplement their income and add protein to the diet of the families. This project will help 5,000 families start a commercial fish pond.

In a food for work project, Baptist missionaries would be involved in assisting seven areas of Bangladesh in cooperation with the Bangladesh government. Workers will be assigned tasks and receive a daily ration of food in exchange for labor. Baptist missionaries will direct these projects in cooperation with a government official.

On the \$150,000, the vegetable garden project would receive \$50,000; the rice mills \$15,000; the fish pond project \$50,000; and the food for work project \$35,000. All of the money given by students will go directly to provide relief in Bangladesh through the projects included in the plan. These in turn are done in cooperation with the government of Bangladesh. The Bangladesh government prefers projects such as these requiring work for food and money to help provide incentives for work instead of free hand-outs.

National Student Ministries will serve as an information center, gathering ideas from campus ministries in Bangladesh and the United States. They will also provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information between the two countries.

charismatics, other fights over gun control and church-state separation failed to materialize in early sessions.

Messengers did debate on second reading a proposed constitutional amendment approved last year in Amarillo which would have given associations of Baptist churches a stronger voice in the selection of members of the convention's executive board.

The question of the method used in nominating members to the executive board arose during the final business session.

A motion by Paul Screeby, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, asked that a committee be appointed by Harris to study the present method of naming members to the board.

It asked the committee "be separate and apart from the administrative committee, and be charged with bringing to next year's annual meeting a plan to make specific guidelines for the nominating committee use in seeking out those qualified Texas Baptists, whether well known or obscure, for service on the board."

Messengers overwhelmingly defeated a proposal that churches must hold membership in an association before they could be allowed to send messengers. Many thought the proposal was too restrictive.

The vote came on the basis of a Dallas Baptist Association proposal meeting in which two churches with charismatic ministries — Beverly Hills and Shady Grove Baptist Churches — were ousted.

Dallas Baptist Association has the most members of any Southern Baptist Association, while Union Association has the largest number of churches.

Meanwhile, reports have been received of ousting of a church with a charismatic ministry by the Trenchon Baptist Association in Louisiana. Earlier the Cincinnati (Ohio) Baptist Association withdrew fellowship from two churches on doctrinal grounds.

The action by the three associations does not alter relationship with the state conventions of Louisiana, Ohio, or Texas, nor with the Southern Baptist Convention's national body.

The approved resolution noted every church "should be on guard against efforts of the Devil to infiltrate the fellowship with false doctrines and divisive influences."

The Trenchon Association voted to withdraw fellowship from Claborn Baptist Church, Monroe, La., because "while man said, 'for the past several years, church has been...'"

The action of the Cincinnati Association, reported earlier, withdrew fellowship from the Baylor Park and Oak Hills Baptist Churches on doctrinal grounds.

Extension Department reported establishment of records in student course enrollment and amount of extension centers.

Student enrollments in the department's director program, M. Rignold, has a 2,700 students taking courses. Both figures are a record, set last year. Rignold said 220 extension centers are operating in 1975, up from 210 last year.

Tennessee Baptists Name Editor Search Committee

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. (BP)— A search committee has been named to seek an editor for the Baptist and Reflector, state newspaper of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Since the resignation of James A. Lester two years ago, Mrs. Faye Lannon has served as acting editor. A staff member of the paper for 32 years, Mrs. Lannon was assistant to the editor when Lester resigned.

D. M. Dungeon, chairman of the Tennessee Convention's

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MC Names Top Alumnus



Dick Liddell (center) of Jackson was presented a special appreciation award during the recent Mississippi College Alumni Association banquet for his leadership in directing the 1974 Annual Fund campaign. Under Liddell's leadership, 2,479 individuals contributed \$245,602.08 during the year. It was the best year in the number of donors and the amount of money collected in the history of the fund. He is being congratulated by Dr. Lewis Nobles, (left), president of the college; and by Dr. F. D. Hewitt, Jr., director of alumni affairs.

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(La.) State University.

In addition to the top awards, James Lambuth of McComb, retiring national president of the Association, was presented with a plaque for his leadership during the past year. He has long been active in alumni activity and serves as a member of the college's Board of Trustees.

Dick Liddell of Jackson, general chairman for the 1974 Annual Fund Campaign, was also presented an award for his direction in helping the college stage the most successful Annual Fund ever. Liddell spearheaded a drive that brought in \$245,602.08 from 2,479 donors. It eclipsed by almost \$64,000 the previous year in the annual effort. The number of participants was also the highest in the fund's history.

D. L. Collums of Tupelo, one of the 1974 co-winners of the "Alumnus of the Year" award, was presented his plaque this year after being unable to attend last year's function because of surgery.

In honoring Mr. Thornton as "Alumnus of the Year," the college paid tribute to a man who has served the school in many capacities, including three separate times as a member of the Board of Trustees. He served as president of the Board in 1952 and again in 1974 and served as chairman of the committee which named Dr. Nobles as president. He was also chairman of the committee which helped establish the Mississippi College School of Law. A 1927 graduate of the college, Thornton earned the juris doctor-

ate degree from the University of Mississippi in 1934 and has been a practicing attorney in Kosciusko since that time. He is a former Chancery Clerk of Attala County, served as mayor of Kosciusko for a brief stint, and for some 13 years was city attorney.

Thornton is active in the life and work of the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko, being a life deacon and serving as a deacon for 44 years. He has been the teacher for the Men's Bible Class for the past 40 years, the last 27 of these having been broadcast live on the local Kosciusko radio station. He has served on a number of committees and has been chairman of the Pulpit Committee on four different occasions.

Thornton holds membership in all the local, state and national bar associations and has been a member of the Rotary Club since 1934 and served as District Gov-

McElroy Accepts Tennessee Post

James B. (Buddy) McElroy has accepted an invitation from West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tennessee, to be minister of music, effective January 1, 1976.

He has served on the faculty of Clarke College for the past twelve years where he directed an outstanding choral program.

For the past seven years he has also served Forest Church where he developed a successful music ministry, with more than 300 enrolled in eleven musical organizations.

He and his wife, (the former Lorie Smith), both are natives of Lauderdale County. They both did their undergraduate work at Mississippi College. Mrs. McElroy holds a Master's degree from Mississippi College, and has taught music at Clarke College for several years. She has served this past year as a graduate assistant at Mississippi College where she is completing a Master's degree in organ. She will be employed on the staff of the Tennessee church.

Mr. McElroy holds a Master of Church Music degree from New Orleans Seminary, with some thirty hours beyond this degree. The McElroys have two sons, Jim, seven, and Jay, five.

Dr. David Byrd, a native Mississippian, is pastor of the West Jackson Church.

MT. RAINIER, Md. (RNS)—An organization of Roman Catholic priests which seeks to foster equality of men and women in the church and society asserted here that the stage has been set for a full-blown discussion within the Church of the ordination of women.

ernor during 1949-50. He is a former member of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

He is married to the former Mary Ricks of Houston and they have one daughter, Mrs. Frank Howard Tucker, Jr., of Meridian.

The "Order of the Golden Arrow" Award received by Dr. York was initiated three years ago to honor individuals who have made outstanding personal or professional achievement.

Dr. York, a graduate of the University of Mississippi and the Emory University School of Dentistry, earlier this year deeded Mississippi College almost 7,400 acres of timber land in north Mississippi valued in excess of \$1.5 million. It represented the largest single gift ever given to the college.

His visit to Mississippi College on Saturday was his first time ever to be on campus, but he has long known of the college and has stated that he "believed in the Christian principles as stressed at the college and I want to have a part in helping some of the young people make something out of their lives."

Dr. York's interest in young people is stimulated in part by his wife's interest in this area and he gives her a lot of credit for the Christian concern he has for others. Mrs. York has been teaching school for a number of years in the elementary grades. The Yorks have no children.

Mississippians - - -

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lege, Clinton, with the bachelor of science degree and from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., with the master of religious education degree.

He has served in various churches as minister of youth including First Baptist Church, Carrollton, Ky.; First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla.; and First Baptist Church, Mount Washington, Ky. He has been a salesman at the Baptist Book Store on the Southern seminary campus; coach of children's leagues for the Southwest YMCA in Jackson Miss.; and recreation director at Glorieta (N. M.) Baptist Conference Center.

Mrs. Cox, the former Cheryl Keathley, is a native of Memphis, Tenn. She was graduated from Mississippi College with the bachelor of music education degree and taught school in Hinds County, Miss., and Jefferson County, Ky. She was the pre-school teacher at the Glorieta Conference Center for a summer.

They were summer missionaries to Hunting Island, S. C., with the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

They have two children, Jason Keathley was born in 1973; and Jeremy Howard, 1974.

Edge To Speak To Southern Alumni

Dr. Findley B. Edge will be the speaker for the alumni luncheon for Southern Seminary during the Mississippi Baptist Convention in Jackson.

The luncheon will be Nov. 12 in the Sky Room of the Baptist Building beginning at 12:15, according to Rev. Clark McMurray, pastor of First Church, Pascagoula.

Dr. Edge is Basil Manly Jr. professor of religious education at Southern Seminary.

Mrs. Denton To Sing

Mrs. Ray (Rhonda Joe) Denton, a member of Macedonia Baptist Church at Meridian, will present special music during the Thursday morning session of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

The proposed program of the convention, printed in last week's issue, had listed her name as Mrs. Ray Shelton.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will be Nov. 11-13 at First Baptist Church, Jackson.

MIAMI (RNS) — Publishing and distributing Christian literature in Spanish have become major businesses here in recent months. Only a year ago, most of the Spanish Christian literature published in the United States was intended for distribution south of the border. But now a good deal of it is intended for the estimated 18 million Spanish-speaking residents of this country. Casa Baptista, the El Paso-based operation of the Southern Baptist Convention, is the largest Spanish-language publisher of Christian literature in this country. It specializes in Sunday school literature and church organization books, producing some 800 titles.

Through The Lens View Of The Student Convention



Two opening night speakers paused following the session to chat. Left to right are Rev. Chester Vaughn, program director for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; Jim Vaughn; Dr. Chester E. Swor, Jackson, author and lecturer; Rev. Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson; and Mrs. Pollard. Dr. Swor and Rev. Pollard were the speakers.



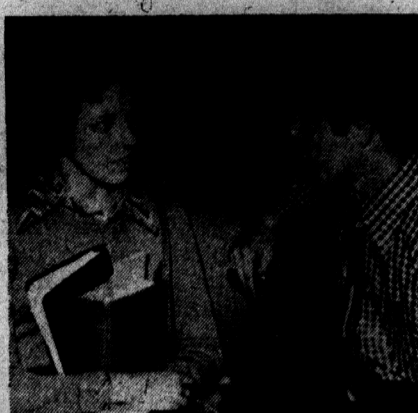
Organist Chuck Endsley, right, chats with friends following a session of the BSU Convention. Left to right, they are Tommy and Karen Middleton of Starkville and Jan Hanneford of Hattiesburg. Tommy is a student at Mississippi State University and plans to enter New Orleans Seminary in June. Jan is on the staff of Temple Church, Hattiesburg, where Chuck is organist. Chuck attends William Carey College.



Visiting in the aisle during a break are, left to right, Christi Mathis, Gwen Patterson, and Joyee Fitts, all students at Itawamba Junior College.



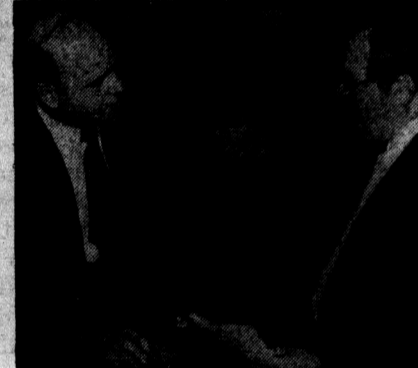
Two speakers at the BSU Convention greet each other as Steve Pilgrim, right, the president, watches. The speakers are Mrs. Sibyl Warren, Blue Mountain College dean, and Dr. Harold T. Bryson, pastor in Montgomery, Ala.



Steve Pilgrim, right, state BSU president, checks signals with Rhona Cartwright, a member of the executive committee.



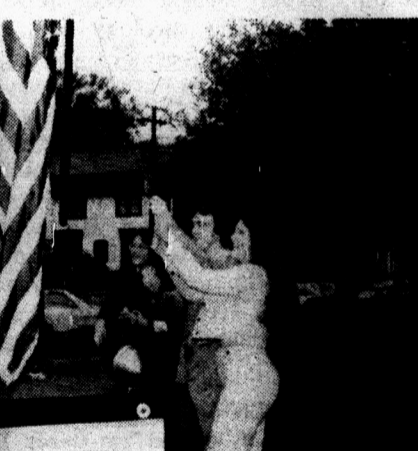
Organist Susan Rayburn, left, of William Carey College, discusses procedure with pianist Pat Tidmore of Meridian.



Program personalities confer. At left is Dr. Keith Parks, director of the Missions Support Division of the Foreign Mission Board. He is visiting with Dan Hall, director of the Church Music Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.



Dr. Harold T. Bryson of Montgomery, Ala., chats with two students during the BSU Convention. They are, center, Perla Azarcon and Emily Peach. Both are students at Mississippi University for Women. Perla is from the Philippines.



Bell ringers at the BSU Convention are, left to right, Larry Redd, Tommy Mawk, and Marci Zachary. All are students at the University of Southern Mississippi, and Mawk is BSU president there.

Carey Alumni Invited To Breakfast

William Carey College will host the Mississippi alumni of the school at a complimentary breakfast on Wednesday morning Nov. 12, during the meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention.

According to an announcement by Carey Alumni President, Tommy King of Laurel, all Carey alumni who will be attending the meeting are invited to meet at 8 a.m. on November 12 in the Youth Recreation Center at Jackson's First Baptist Church for breakfast.

"This is our fifth annual alumni breakfast during the convention time," said Mrs. Marjorie Rowden, director of public relations.

Wives or husbands are also invited. An added feature of this year's breakfast will be the participation of Carey students now enrolled in a class in public relations and communications on the Hattiesburg campus. President Ralph Noonkester and other administrative officials of the school will be in attendance.



Students Prepare For Convention

Members of the class at William Carey College in public relations and communications pose as they helped build — and will help man — the school's exhibition booth at the Mississippi Baptist Convention's annual meet in Jackson, Nov. 11-13. Each is involved in studies of either religious education or Biblical studies and will be attending their first state convention. From left to right: Linda Herston, Roberta Turner, Sheila Deweese, Marion Tatum, and Michael Rasberry.

Missionaries Stay In Troubled Beirut

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is obtainable.

"The ultimate decision about whether to leave has been left to the missionaries," said J. D. Hughey, area secretary for Europe and the Middle East for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "They have been asked to consider seriously the advisability of leaving and have been assured that they have the full support of the board in whatever decision they make."

Remaining to teach in the seminary are missionaries Mr. and Mrs. David W. King, Mr. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham, and William O. Hern. Also remaining at the seminary are volunteers Mrs. Ann Pfander and Miss Isabelle McLeland. James K. Ragland has also remained, but the Beirut Baptist School he directs is closed.

The seminary is on the side of a hill in a residential section which is relatively quiet. However, the

seminary was hit by two stray rockets early in October, resulting in little damage and no injuries.

Left-wing Muslim and right-wing Christian para-military units have been fighting each other, with many innocent persons caught in the cross fire. Political kidnappings, bombings and murders have been numerous.

Missionaries and mission personnel have remained unscathed according to Hughey, although they have been very close to the violence. A school bus from the American Community School, attended by missionaries' children until it closed, was fired upon.

Several missionaries assigned to Lebanon are in America, and others are working or doing language studies in Jordan.

The old hospital building in Ajloun, Jordan, is being prepared to temporarily house any Lebanese Baptists and others who might choose to evacuate. As of this re-

Southwestern Alumni To Hear Dr. Robert Naylor

Dr. Robert Naylor, president of Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will address the annual meeting of the seminary's Mississippi alumni Wednesday, November 12. The group will meet at 12:15 in the small dining room of Jackson's First Baptist Church during the Mississippi State Convention.



The Kinsmen Trio of First Church, Jackson will present a program of special music.

David Roddy, minister of education of First Church, is president of the seminary's Mississippi Association and will preside.

port there is no known injury to Baptists or Baptist property.

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EDITORIAL

Mississippi Baptists' Greatest Week

The greatest week each year for Mississippi Baptists is the time of the annual state convention. That event comes next week. For the 34th consecutive time the convention will be meeting in the First Baptist Church in Jackson.

This annual meeting promises to be a good one, with harmony and expectancy as the spirit. No controversial issues appear on the horizon, but the convention will hear numerous reports on advance in many fields of endeavor.

The Convention Board has enlarged its staff and reorganized its program of work during the past year.

The new Baptist hospital is nearing completion in Jackson.

The new R. A. Camp and Confer-

ence Center is under development at Kosciusko.

Plans are being completed for the restoration of Gulfshore Assembly on the Gulf Coast.

A new satellite Children's Village is under development in the Hernando area.

The convention is joining with several associations in the purchase of property as locations for new churches.

The colleges are reporting the largest enrollments of their history.

The Cooperative Program receipts are breaking all records despite the economic conditions and inflation which disturb the whole world.

All of these and other items will be reported to and discussed by

the messengers as they assemble for this, the 140th annual session, of the convention. Dr. James Richardson, pastor of First Church, Leeland, is president.

God is blessing Mississippi Baptists in a mighty way at this time, and they should come together to rejoice and praise Him, as well as to plan for the work He has given them to do.

Pastors and church leaders from all over the state should be present for the meeting. Those who cannot attend should be much in prayer that Mississippi Baptists, in 1975, will rise up to meet the challenge which the Lord has set before them for this momentous hour in history.

It should be a good convention, or even a great one.



OVER THEIR DEAD BODIES

Convention Time Items

THE WHALE THAT CAME TO MISSISSIPPI. How's that? Yes, that is the title, "The Whale That Came to Mississippi." This is the name of a new film on Mississippi Baptist work which will be shown at the Wednesday evening session. Don't miss it! It is an outstanding film on Mississippi Baptist work. If you don't understand about the title, come and see the film and then you will understand. It is an apt title! In December it will be shown on state television, and then will be made available for showing in the churches.

NEWEST BOOKS

MAN IN BLACK by Johnny Cash (Zondervan, 244 pp.) The man who has become a "legend in his time" gives his own story in his own words. Starting with childhood years and on into the country and western music circuit, through seven years of drug addiction, to the living faith he now experiences, this is the life of Johnny Cash. In the opening paragraph, Cash promises to tell the story as clearly and honestly as he knows how. He says, "This book will tell you about a long time gone prodigal who has been brought back. . . . You'll find out how I've fallen and how I've turned around again to feel God's love and His forgiveness."

BUNHOEFFER: WORDLY PREACHING by Clyde E. Fant (Thomas Nelson, 180 pp., paper, \$3.50; cloth, \$6.95) A fresh study of the theology of a well known, and controversial theologian, Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Dr. Fant, at the time of the writing a professor of preaching at Southwestern Seminary, points out that Bonhoeffer actually was an evangelical heart, and loved the church which he wanted to see renewed. His conclusions are based upon a series of lectures on preaching, which for the first time are translated from German into English. A book for theologians and theological students.

365 MEDITATIONS BY J. B. PHILLIPS FOR THIS DAY, edited by Denis Duncan, Word, 256 pp., \$5.95) A meditation for every day of the year collected from writings (mostly from unpublished work, even though Dr. Phillips wrote many books) of Dr. J. B. Phillips, great English pastor, theologian and writer. Words of love and hope that give strength and inspiration for each day.

THE STUDY OF THE TYPES, Enlarged Edition, by Ada E. Habershon, Kregel, 233 pp., paper, \$3.50; cloth, \$5.95) Reprint of two volumes (now in one) first published in 1957. The author sees many of the persons and events of the Bible, as being types, foreshadowing things to come. For example there are many types of the Lord Jesus Christ and events related to his life, in the Old Testament record.

HOW TO KEEP AWAY FROM THE PSYCHIATRIST by Jack MacArthur (Tyndale, \$1.95, 158 pp., paper) Here is down-to-earth help for those who want to find and appropriate what the Bible has to say about mental and emotional health.

HOW TO HANDLE PRESSURE by Clyde and Ruth Narramore (Tyndale, \$5.95) In this book excellent and timely, the authors suggest practical solutions for Christians seeking to handle pressure. They discuss such issues as time and money management, physical fitness, setting realistic goals, and living an organized life. Both agree that if you want to function with the minimum amount of pressure, God is the prime resource.

BAPTIST MEN from all over the state will be assembling in Jackson for the pre-convention Baptist Men's Conference, to be held at Parkway Baptist Church on Monday evening. The annual Brotherhood Banquet will be at 5:30 with well known Southern Baptist entertainer, Dan McBride as the featured guest. The conference itself will be at 7:30 with Dr. David Dunnivant, well known Memphis surgeon, and Dr. Landrum P. Leavell II, president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, as the

SPURGEON'S PROVERBS AND SAYINGS WITH NOTES, Vol. I, by C. H. Spurgeon (Baker, 367 pp., \$9.95) These proverbs reflect Spurgeon's success in communicating effectively to the man in the street. In a two-volume set, they are arranged alphabetically for quick access to key words. A superb source-book.

THIRTY DAYS TO SPIRITUAL POWER, INSIGHTS FROM JOSHUA AND JUDGES by Alan F. Johnson (Tyndale House, paper, \$2.95) The author describes this book as a "series of brief scenarios from each of the major chapters in Joshua and Judges in The Living Bible."

SOULS IN PRISON by Manfred George Gutzke (Thomas Nelson, Inc., paper, \$2.95, 157 pp.) In this book Dr. Gutzke shows Biblical and contemporary examples of "souls in prison" — persons who verbally attest to faith in God, yet fear each new day. He also shows triumphant people of God, whose daily lives are controlled by faith.

SUCCESS IS A MOVING TRAGET by Robert A. Raines (Word Books, \$5.95, 152 pp.) What does it mean to be a successful person? a successful nation? a successful congregation? a successful Christian? Mr. Raines provides a thoughtful and provocative discussion of these questions in his new book.

SUCCESS, THE GLENN BLAND METHOD by Glenn Bland (Tyndale House, 175 pp.) This is a positive and optimistic book on how to reach success. It says that you must take the "can't" out of life, that you must set goals in every area of life, and work toward them purposefully. Mr. Bland, a Christian business man, says, "You might have wasted yesterday! You may even be wasting today! But you haven't yet wasted tomorrow, for it has not yet come, and is kept fresh and waiting for you."

IF MY PEOPLE . . . by Jimmy and Carol Owens (Word Books, paper, \$3.25, 153 pp.) Jimmy and Carol Owens believe that "the Holy Spirit is saying to Christians everywhere that the time has come from all the people of God to come together to intercede in prayer for their nation. . . . They have shared their convictions in the new musical, "If My People. . . ." In this Handbook for National Intercession, they share those convictions in the greater depth of the printed word.

MY BROTHER DENNIS by Dennis Benson (Word Books, \$5.95, 187 pp.) How does one reach out in compassion and love to others? How can I be my "brother's keeper"? These questions are the theme of this new book. The book grew out of a radio talk show hosted by Benson, in which thousands of people wrote to him about their life concerns.

YOU CAN CHOOSE CHRISTMAS by Clyde Reid (Word Books, 71 pp., \$4.95) This is a beautifully written book of poems and meditations about Christmas, and preparation for Christmas. The

speakers. Groups of men from churches all over the state are expected to attend. Horace Carpenter of Senatobia is president of the Men's Conference.

"THIS MOMENT IN HISTORY" is a Bicentennial feature which will be presented at each session of the convention. It has been prepared by Mississippi College which is at this time celebrating its own Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary). Representatives of the college will present these features on Baptist history, one at each session.

author is disturbed that many people think of Christmas as a depressing experience, and lose its religious dimensions. He says, "I believe we can make Christmas a positive time for ourselves, if we are willing to spend some energy preparing ourselves emotionally for it."

FULFILLMENT, BIBLE STUDIES FOR WOMEN by Joyce Marie Smith (Tyndale House, paper, 62 pp., \$1.25) This compact Bible study guide for women offers new light on such problems as proper self-image, the use of gifts, satisfaction for the single woman, and marriage and motherhood.

THE MENSCH by Teddy Bart (Thomas Nelson Inc., 242 pp., paper, \$3.50; cloth, \$7.95) A novel concerning a Jewish young man who left a small town in Pennsylvania to find a career as a singer and entertainer. As he left, his father, said, "Son, be mensch!" In the introduction the author explains that in Jewish life a "mensch" is one who seeks to be what God wants him to be. He has virtue, character, responsibility, integrity, compassion, and honor. Armed only with that, and with the background of Jewish home training, he faces a world that would use him and a world that would destroy him. He has many difficult times, and faces strong temptations, but his father's word somehow brings him through. This is an intriguing story about the entertainment world. It is not about a Christian or Christianity, but reveals the religious influence of the Jewish home.


INVISIBLE HALOS by David C. Cook (David C. Cook Publishing Co., paper, \$1.50, 160 pp.) Here are exciting and inspiring stories of David C. Cook's own past — pioneering tales of the founder of David C. Cook Publishing Co. — and the mountaintop experiences of others whose lives have touched his.

FIRE! by Anita Deyneka (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.25, 110 pp.) This adventure story about two children shows them in the midst of a spine-tingling mystery in the forests of the Pacific Northwest.

YOUR TROUBLED CHILDREN by Elizabeth Skoglund (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.50, 112 pp.) A Christian counselor offers insight, observation and case histories to help parents answer questions they ask about their problem children.

CITY-KID FARMER by Jeanette Gilge David C. Cook, \$1.25, 127 pp., paper) First place winner of the David C. Cook Children's Book Contest. When Mark's dad loses his job, the family moves from the city to a run-down cottage in Wisconsin. Mark finds problems in the country, but in the end learns that living in the country is not so bad after all.

TURKEY RED by Esther Loewen Vogt (David C. Cook, paper, \$1.25, 105 pp.) Honorable Mention in the David C. Cook Children's Book Contest. Martha Friesen and her Mennonite family face dangers in America far different from the threat of religious persecution in



Light for Living

Chester E. Swor

Stewardship: The Saga Of Two Women

(NOTE: In my 1969 columns, one of the columns which received the most enthusiastic response was this one. In view of current stewardship emphasis, it is repeated in part here.)

Once upon a time, two women — in different cities, in different states — faced the same decision: to tithe or not to tithe. Even with frugality their incomes would barely suffice to care for essential living expenses.

Woman Number One had just finished nursing school. In addition to purchasing uniforms and other essentials for her professional work, she would need money for apartment rent, food, utilities, and some to spare to assist other members of her family — and in that long-ago day, her income on an institutional staff would be \$100 a month.

If doubts that she could "afford" to tithe came into her mind, they were greeted with rejection: for, despite her heavy obligations and limited income, she knew of her prior obligation to God for a good mind, a strong body, professional training, and the opportunity to work. From her first month's income on through subsequent decades she has expressed her gratitude to God by a faithful tithe plus love gifts beyond that amount. It was easy for her to tithe the far more generous incomes of later years, because she began to tithe even with her "widow's mite" income!

Another Steward
Woman Number Two, bereft of husband, grieved by the death of her only son, and distressed by the stark realization that her only daughter would never walk again, took refresher courses and began to work in a minor secretarial job in 1937 at less than \$100 a month. Despite her heavy obligations and limited volume, she rejoiced to give a tithe to God's work through her church. As years passed, she became the senior employee of her firm with commensurate increases in salary and with almost infinite respect and admiration from all who knew her. As her income rose, she was happy that her tithe could be larger; and, beyond her tithe, she counted it a privilege to give to special causes.

The Motive: Love
Neither of the two women made the decision out of fear not to tithe; rather, each decided the issue on the basis of honesty toward God in the stewardship of life, and both were prompted by a deep personal love for Christ.

Neither of these women has found "a pot of gold" or "struck it rich" as a result of their spiritual stewardship in the tithe. Both, however, have had very rich blessings in the use of the nine-tenths left for their needs. Most of all, their joy has been great, their sense of stewardship has been happy, and they have been blessed.

I know that the foregoing episodes are true: both women are my sisters, whose lives of heroism and good stewardship have been both challenge and blessing to me!

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their native Russia. Here they find prairie fires and tornadoes, rattlesnakes and blizzards. But they are grateful for Turkey Red — the wheat they brought halfway around the world. It is God's gift to them that gives them a new life.

THE BAPTIST FORUM

Dear Dr. Odle:

I have just finished reading the Baptist Record and am so impressed by the splendid editorial you wrote on "a verse for every day." Especially was I impressed because it mentioned by name my beloved husband, W. E. Hunter. The conversation you told beautifully. Never will I forget the Louisville flood. Our church sent cars to bring down refugees and we kept them in our church, feeding and caring for them until the waters receded sufficiently for them to be taken back to their homes.

I could write pages and pages on what that "life verse" of his meant to our family in our home and private life. It was repeated every morning at the table before we had our family prayer, and sent our children out to school. It was repeated by the family every time we piled our children into a car to take a trip, and we never failed to come back safe. Our Father surely held our hands.

I am sure you do not know that I am still living and well and active. We came back to Mississippi to my home town in 1945. He was buried here in 1949 after a ten-year struggle with Parkinson's disease.

My children and I went back to Somerset two years ago to the 175th anniversary of the church there.

Thank you for your "verses for every day," in the Baptist Record.

Mrs. W. E. Hunter
201 W. College Place
Aberdeen, MS

On The MORAL SCENE...

WOMEN AT WORK: SECOND-CLASS
— Sexism in the world labor market is dying, but it is dying hard. Despite sustained if uneven progress for the 562 million women who represent a third of the world's labor force, discrimination in one form or another remains universal. This is the finding of the International Labor Office. According to the surveys, women generally are underpaid, barred from many lucrative vocations, deprived of equal educational and job-training opportunities, receive the least in pension and social security benefits and, even when full employed outside the home, are burdened with the lion's share of unremunerative household and child-care responsibilities. Patterns of discrimination are easing but still very visible in the industrialized countries, where the ILO estimates women's pay averages 20-50 percent less than that for men.

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If trouble was hard to get, people would gladly fight for it.

Without faith we couldn't even eat stew.

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"The Whale That Came To Mississippi"

The premiere showing a movie about Mississippi Baptists will be held Nov. 12 at 7:45 p.m. during

the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The title of the movie is "The Whale that Came to Missis-

siippi." It discusses the fact that fossil remains of a whale found in the delta indicate that the sea

creature evidently failed to respond to changing conditions as the sea receded from an area it

must have covered earlier.

Following the convention extra prints of the movie will be made, and it will be available for showing in churches. It will also be on prime time on some eight television stations in the state in late December.

A filming crew from the Southern Baptist Radio and Television

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Commission moved about the state during the summer shooting 13,000 feet of film for the movie. It was edited to about 1,000 feet for a 30-minute showing.

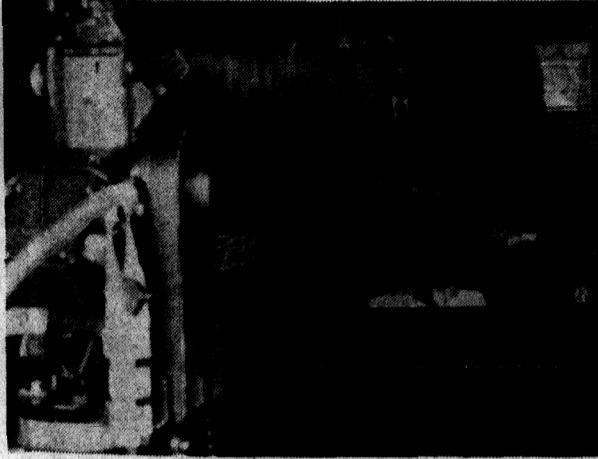
Views of the film crew in action are shown in these photos.



The producer makes a final check before the camera rolls to be sure everything is ready.



The Old Canaan Baptist Church, where an Indian congregation meets near Edinburg, was a scene of unusual interest.



A camera dominates the foreground as Rev. Leroy Boykin preaches at a mission chapel in Morton.



A mission Bible study got the photographers' attention at Morton.

"Sparrow," A Documentary, Wins Eudora Welty Award



Miss Eudora Welty, Pulitzer Prize winning author and a charter member of the Friends group for the Mississippi Educational Television Network, displays the 1975 plaque to be awarded to the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. This year's judges, chosen by Miss Welty, included, from left to right, Nash Burger, former editor of the NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW; Curtis Davis, president of Poorhouse, Inc., a New York television production company; and Mrs. Mary Louise Aswell, recently retired literary editor of HARPER'S BAZAAR.

FORT WORTH, Tex. — "Sparrow," a documentary depicting the continuing beauty of music and life in a rural setting despite increasing urbanization has won the second annual Eudora Welty Americana Award for the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

The films was produced by John C. Stevens for the Radio and Television Commission's "The Human Dimension" television series. The award is presented by Mississippians for Educational Television.

The Eudora Welty Americana

Award, national in scope, was created to recognize excellence and to encourage the production of programs dealing with American life; to focus attention on America, and to pay tribute to Miss Welty, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author. The national competition is the only one in the U. S. sponsored by a volunteer group for public broadcasting.

The award will be presented November 24 at the annual meeting of the 1,200 member volunteer Mississippians for Educational Television in Jackson, Mississippi.

Graham Holds Crusade In Taiwan

TAIPEI, Taiwan, October 29, 1975 — Evangelist Billy Graham has opened a five-day Crusade in Taipei, Taiwan, a city of shrines and motorbikes, by preaching to a forest of umbrellas. Throughout the hour-and-a-half service a continuous light, and at times heavy, rain fell on the largest crowd in the history of the Taipei City Stadium, gathered to hear the American preacher. Hundreds were unable to get in because of the monumental traffic jam of cars and buses.

Despite the rain, the amplification did not fail and the people listened intently. Many had walked for 10 or 15 hours from the villages and towns all over Taiwan to catch a highway bus in order to get to Taipei. Hundreds are sleeping on pews in churches in what is called a "church bed."

At the conclusion, as Mr. Graham gave his usual invitation to his hearers to come forward and claim Jesus Christ as Savior, the surge to the platform surprised even old hands on his Team.

"We are proud of you and the world is proud of you," Graham told the residents of the island's capital city at the beginning of his message. "Your courage and your faith have inspired us all."

Opening night was the culmination of 11 months of Crusade preparation. The 4,000-voice choir, the 3,000 trained counselors, the 2,000 volunteer ushers were recruited weeks ahead and trained by Chinese church leaders, according to Crusade Director Henry

Holley. The overflowing crowds now coming to the stadium are much larger than anticipated for the small number of Christians in Taipei.

The evangelist, who frequently expressed his love for all the people of China, is accompanied to Taiwan by his wife, Ruth, who was born of medical missionary parents on the Mainland of China. The evangelist and his wife were greeted at Shunshan International Airport by a crowd of several hundred persons, headed by the mayor of Taipei; the Reverend Chen Chi-chun, chairman of the Billy Graham Crusade in the Republic of China; and the Taipei Children's Choir.

On Sunday afternoon Graham visited the temporary tomb of President Chiang and offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the influence of Jesus Christ on the President's life. On Tuesday, he paid a formal call on the President of the Republic of China, Yen Chia-kan, after which he held a press conference and fielded questions on political and religious subjects. He has studiously avoided getting involved in Far Eastern politics, although a prayer was badly misquoted by one newspaper here in Taiwan.

On Wednesday Graham visited Premier Chiang Ching-kuo, son of President Chiang Kai-shek. Madame Chiang, wife of the late President, who served as honorary chairman of the Crusade, is currently in the United States receiving medical attention.

Some 300 churches representing many Christian denominations joined in extending the invitation to Graham and his Team to come to Taipei. A School of Evangelism held concurrently with the Crusade drew a registration of 2,900 pastors, pastors' wives, seminary students and college students interested in Christian vocations. Hundreds of these pastors have come from mountain villages and towns to Taipei to attend the greatest religious meeting of its kind ever conducted on the island. The school is headed by Dr. Kenneth Chafin, American clergyman from Houston, Texas. A School of Christian Writing, also held concurrently, was attended by 128 professional and

aspiring writers. Dr. Philip Teng, editor of the Chinese edition of DECISION, was dean of the school.



Billy Graham and his wife, Ruth, pray for the success of his Asian crusades while in Tokyo on their way to Taipei and Hong Kong. Mr. Graham said that his wife, who was born and raised in mainland China, "is hopeful that she'll be able to visit China and go back to her old home and see it." The Grahams plan to travel to the Mid-East, Nairobi and a number of European cities after the two crusades in Asia.

BBI Alumni Reunion November 11

Rev. Derral J. Foreman, president of the Mississippi chapter of Baptist Bible Institute alumni, announces that this group will meet during the Mississippi Baptist Convention, Tuesday, November 11. Their reunion luncheon will be at 12 noon in the Sirloin Room of the Bonanza Sirloin Pit, 2662 Highway 80 West, Jackson.

Dr. Lewis A. Curtis, Professor of Biblical Theology at Bap-

tist Bible Institute, Graceville, Florida, will be guest speaker. Dr. Curtis is a graduate of Meridian Municipal College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Seminary.

The luncheon will be followed by a brief business meeting which will include the annual election of officers.

All alumni are invited and urged to attend this meeting. For further information contact Mr. Foreman at 924-6315 (Clinton).



Alumni Director Melvyn Jolly and Business Manager Herbert Valentine join President W. L. Compere in making plans for Clarke College Alumni fellowship dinner to be held in connection with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. L to R: Mr. Jolly, Dr. Compere, Mr. Valentine.

Third Smith County Bible Conference Scheduled Jan. 18



Hamblin



Sullivan

Bible study leader, studying from the Gospel of John. Dr. Fred Wood, pastor of the Eudora Baptist Church in Memphis, will lead studies in the prophecies of Jeremiah.

W. W. Holyfield, minister of music at First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, will direct the music. Mrs. Martha Branham of Dallas will be the guest soloist.

Dr. Robert Perry is the host pastor.

The third annual Smith County Baptist Association Mid-Winter Bible Conference is scheduled for Jan. 18-21 at First Baptist Church, Raleigh.

Each of the evening sessions will begin at 7 p.m., and there will be morning conferences at 10 a.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The conference will close with the Wednesday evening session.

The preacher will be Dr. Robert Hamblin, pastor of Harrisburg Baptist Church, Tupelo. The conference director will be Rev. Charles Bryant, director of association missions in Smith County Association.

Dr. James L. Sullivan, retired president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, will be the

MISSION, S. D. (ENS) — Leaders of 15 church bodies and 14 American Indian tribes participated in a historic consultation here that was called to chart the future relationship between the churches and the Indians. Sponsoring the consultation was the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), a coalition of national church agencies and community groups committed to the self-development of minorities. It was organized in 1967. Indian tribes represented ranged from the Mescalero in New Mexico to the Seneca in New York.



By Perry C. Perkins
Director, Church-Minister
Relations, MBCB
(Former pastor,
First, Greenwood)

William Barclay tells the story of a small boy whose father is a minister, and who is exceedingly interested in railroad engines. It so happened that where he lived a new church was being built. He and his father were train-spotting one day, and a magnificent new engine appeared.

The father pointed out to the boy that the engine had cost over a million dollars to build. And said his father: "That's as much as the new church cost." The boy thought a moment and said: "Well, I would rather have the engine. I think it's worth far more than the church." "How do you make that out?" his father asked. "Well," said the boy, "the engine works."

Clarke Alumni Plan Fellowship Dinner

Clarke College Alumni Association will have Fellowship Dinner in connection with the Mississippi Baptist Convention. The dinner is set for Tuesday, November 11, at 5:15 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Walter Sillers Building just north of the State Capitol.

The principal factor in suspending this Clarke College event in recent years was the increasing problem of time. The Convention's afternoon program was lengthened and it became harder for the group to get through the evening traffic and have time for a satisfactory meeting and get back for the evening session of the Convention.

Now a near-by location has been found, so near that people can walk from the Convention session at First Baptist Church to the Alumni Dinner.

The cafeteria in the Sillers Building is operated by Mississippi Valley Food Service, the concern which also operates the Clarke College Cafeteria. Invitations are going out with return reservation forms included.

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic — Lloyd W. Mann, was chosen as the top student of an intensive three-week course in "Arrangements and Techniques in Conducting," at the University Pedro Henriquez Urena here. This earned him the privilege of conducting the famed national choir. Mann conducted "O Magnum Mysterium" by T. L. de Victoria in the final concert presented in the University Auditorium. Mann directs the student work at the university as well as the United Baptist Choir in this country.

Thank God For The Cooperative Program

The acid test of anything is "Does it work?" Or as Jesus put it: "You will know them by their fruits" (Matthew 7:20).

That can certainly be said of the Cooperative Program — it works! And we thank God for it.

I first heard of the Cooperative Program as a boy growing up in the First Baptist Church of Columbus. Through the ministry of that great church I learned that a part of every undesignated dollar I gave to the church went through the Cooperative Program to support the causes of Jesus Christ throughout the world. I came to see the Cooperative Program as a channel for the proportionate distribution of funds to mission needs.

Through the years my gratitude to God for the Cooperative Program has deepened for I have come to see it as more than a channel. It is a spiritual tool. My training as a minister was made possible in an institution supported largely by the Cooperative Program. My wife and our two children received their education from schools in the Cooperative Program family.

My son has just completed a two-year term in Chicago as a U.S. 2'er with the Home Mission Board. Visiting him, I have seen this wonderful program at work reaching students for Christ on the 57 college and university campuses in that vast metropolitan area. In ways too numerous to mention the Home Mission Board is preaching, serving, and extending a helping hand in the Name of Christ throughout the

United States. I have seen childless parents look with glowing eyes on a homeless baby put in their hands and hearts as a result of the Cooperative Program.

Beyond the borders of our own country the stream made possible by Baptist cooperation flows with life-giving water. The Gospel is preached — hospitals minister and heal — schools teach and impart knowledge — technicians in various fields help people find a better life. And just think — it's all the fruit of the Cooperative Program. That is the life line.

From far places we come back home and see this God-given program at work. Many years ago the pastor of a small rural church called me for help in organizing, what was then called, a Training Union program. My urgent call reached helpful ears in the Baptist Building in Jackson and a church was helped in its training mission. Today the Cooperative Program has brought help for all churches closer in the person of directors of associational missions.

There is an old story of a man

hearing a cry for help as he walked the shore of a lake. He dove into the water and swam out to the drowning person. It was a woman. He grabbed her by the hair and got a handful of wig. Once again he grabbed and this time got a set of false teeth. A third grab yielded an artificial leg. By this time a number of people had gathered on the beach. The man yelled to them, "Come on, you fellows, let's get together and save all this woman we can!"

It is my deep conviction that the Cooperative Program is an unsurpassed spiritual instrument for pooling our resources for reaching a disintegrating world with the Gospel of Christ. Thank God for it!

Depend on advice from others and you can't be independent.



If I Were In High School, I Would Enter The "Ability Counts" Contest

By Anne Washburn McWilliams
I always liked contests — the thrill of competition and the promise of a prize. When I was in high school I entered every contest that came along — oratorical contests, essay contests, and most of the others (though never the beauty contests!).

If I were a high school junior or senior now, I should enter the 1976 "Ability Counts" Research Writing Contest sponsored by the Mississippi Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped (Hubert Gilmore, executive secretary).

I think the research for this contest would help me to see the handicapped person as an individual, and at the same time help me to improve my writing skill. Too, I would involve myself in doing something worthwhile for others. And of course — the prizes. First place winner — and his or her teacher and principal — will get a trip to Washington, besides a choice of scholarships to a senior college in Mississippi. First through tenth place state winners will win college scholarships. I might not even place in the national contest, but then again I might. Judy Chin of Clarksdale won third place in the nation in 1973.

I understand that English teachers in Mississippi have been asked to assign the contest topic as a class requirement. If I were in high school and had this assignment, I'd get started right away so I could finish before the December 12 deadline. If my teacher had not assigned the project, then I'd ask her for a folder describing the contest so I could enter it on my own.

First, I should consider the theme of the contest: "A Profile of Achievement: How a Handicapped Person Approaches Life." Maybe I ought to focus on the achievements of one handicapped person that I already know, or one who lives in my community, someone I could get to know better. Of course, I've known many people who through illness or accident or military injury had limited capabilities but who were still well qualified for many jobs and whose achievements I ad-



Dixie Lee Etheridge, center, was chosen as Miss Wheelchair, Mississippi, and Gwen Shelton, right as first alternate. When Miss Etheridge became Miss Wheelchair America, Miss Shelton became Miss Wheelchair Mississippi.



Dixie Lee Etheridge, Miss Wheelchair America and graduate student at Delta State University, initiated the "Wheelchair for a Day" idea at the university. Faculty members shown above volunteered to stay in a wheelchair for a day, to understand better what needed to be done about architectural barriers. They saw steps they'd never noticed before!

Today's Youth

mired. There are others that I've only read about or heard about.

Only a couple of weeks ago I read in the newspaper about a tea at the Governor's Mansion being given in honor of Dixie Lee Etheridge, Miss Wheelchair America. Since Dixie had polio when she was eleven months old, she has spent almost all of her life in a wheelchair. In spite of this, she is a person of many achievements. In May, 1973, she will receive her master's degree in English at Delta State University. She then hopes to study at Ole Miss or LSU to get a master's degree in speech pathology and audiology so that she can work with the deaf and speech impaired.

As a senior in high school at Greenville, Mississippi, she was student body vice-president and member of the National Honor Society. At Mississippi Delta JC she was Baptist Student Union president and band librarian. At Delta State she has been a member of the credentials committee for Student Government and is president of the literary honor society.

She says, "It is my parents, my family who have made the adjustment, who have accepted me and molded my personality. It is they who have taught me a belief in God, mankind, and myself, and I must try to teach others what I have learned through them."

The other day I read a paragraph in a church bulletin about another handicapped person of achievement; "Miss Gwen Shelton, member of First Baptist Church, Union, and Miss Wheelchair Mississippi, drives her own car. She makes trips across the state in connection with her title. One trip will take her to Jackson where she will be singing the national anthem prior to the Ole Miss - Mississippi State football game."

Gwen was in an auto accident



Dixie Lee Etheridge, Miss Wheelchair America

when she was seventeen. Since then, she has worked as a legal secretary for eight years. An ardent sports fan, she attends as many ball games as possible and is chairman of the Program Committee for Union Athletic Boosters Club. Since she can't waterski, she drives the boat. She does needlepoint and other handicrafts. She reads, travels, sings in the church choir at First Church, Union and teaches a Sunday School class. Often she is inspirational speaker and soloist at banquets.

In this contest, talking with a handicapped person such as Dixie or Gwen would be my first step. I would want to make clear to my readers that handicapped people are individuals — people just like they are, and not in a separate class from everybody else. They have passions, hates, loves, sorrows, just as all of us do. And they like to work, to have a job, just as all people do. Their achievements and goals are important to them, as ours are to us, and maybe harder won.

If I were in high school and entering this research contest, I would talk to people who know the handicapped person — employer, family, vocational rehabilitation counselors, and others.

Next I would try to find out how the community where he lives is affecting his goals — the positive and negative effects it has on him. Does the community have many employment opportunities for the handicapped? Have architectural barriers, such as high curbs or steps, been removed, or ramps built, to make it easier for the handicapped to go more places?

The other day I was walking



Gets SS Award

Tim Crain, age nine, can neither walk or talk, but he has just received an award for a year's perfect attendance at Sunday School. Tim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crain of Clifton Church near Forest, is mentally retarded.

Ridgecrest Youth Celebration Set

RIDGECREST, N. C. — The annual Winter Youth Celebration at Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center will be held Dec. 28 - 31, 1975.

Guest minister for the Ridgecrest Celebration will be Frank Pollard, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss. The evening worship services are being planned by Ragan Courtney, co-author of "Celebrate Life." Courtney's wife, concert singer Cynthia Clawson, will be featured during the celebrations.

"Free Indeed" is the theme for this year's celebration, which is designed for youth in grades 10, 11 and 12 only. No provisions are made for younger youth. Attendance will be limited to the first 750 to register.

Total cost for the Winter Youth Celebration is \$45 for each person, which should be paid at the time of registration. When registering, please include name and grades of registrants. One adult sponsor of the same sex should accompany each eight youths.

For reservations, send the registration fee to Winter Youth Celebration, Ridgecrest Baptist Conference Center, Ridgecrest, N. C., 28770.

Blue Mountain To Present "Harvey"

Blue Mountain College's speech and drama department will present "Harvey," the story of how much life can be changed when a man adopts an invisible rabbit as his constant companion, November 10, 11 and 13 in Garrett Auditorium, according to information released by Mrs. Kathy Voyles of the BMC Speech and Drama department.

The production is under the direction of Mrs. Voyles, and Denise Davis of Orange City, Fla. is serving as student director. James Lewis of Nicholasville, Ky. has the lead, Elwood P. Dowd, in the play which begins at 8 p.m. each evening.

across the park when I saw a friend of mine in a wheelchair, eating lunch from a brown paper bag. "Hi, I thought you were going to the luncheon at the church."

"I was," he said, "but I changed my mind. It would have been a lot of trouble for someone to lift me up and down the steps." So he'd elected to eat alone instead.

If I were entering this contest, I would want to find out what the churches are doing to aid the handicapped person in his battle to become a person of greater achievement. Have they provided ramps at the front as well as the back? (I think I might not always want to come in the back door.) Are all the many building levels accessible to the person in the wheelchair? Has the church provided a parking place for the handicapped? (When Miss Wheelchair Mississippi drives to a church to sing for a youth banquet, she must find a parking place wide enough so that her wheelchair will go between her car and the next one.) Are the churches hiring the handicapped for staff jobs? If they have extra telephone or typing work, have they considered the handicapped for this?

I would want to know what the churches are doing to involve the handicapped in their programs, as regular members, not just as a separate group. Are they using them as teachers, choir members, committee members? What are they doing to provide transportation for them? McDowell Road Church, Jackson, has a bus, equipped with a lift, for the handicapped. They go to convalescent homes and to private homes, to bring those who want to come, members or not members. The offer of transportation is often announced on television.

If I were in high school, I would make a list of innovative ways that churches could help the handicapped to forge ahead in their achievements. I'd plan a brain-storming session in Sunday School or Church Training or youth choir or youth fellowship and think of ways to help. I would encourage my friends to enter this research contest, too. It would be a great project for Christian students; it could be a way to witness to the handicapped person who is not a Christian.

Last year 43 counties had winning entrants in the contest. The 490 from Tupelo High School was the highest from one school. Susan Hearn from Watkins High School in Jones County was first place winner in the state.

If, for just a couple of months, I could be in high school again, I know one thing for sure. I would enter the "Ability Counts" contest.

High School Guests Expected At BMC For Weekend, Nov. 8-9

A record number of high school guests are expected on campus at Blue Mountain College when the school hosts its annual High School Week-end November 8-9, according to Mrs. Sibyl Warren, Dean of Students at BMC.

Students from high schools across North Mississippi are expected for the event packed week-end. A number of out-of-state guests are also expected including representation from Tennessee, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Following registration the morning of November 8th the group will enjoy conferences and class tours concluding with a giant picnic at noon on the campus. Included events for the afternoon are a matinee performance of the school production "Harvey," a

tea and the evening meal.

After dinner Blue Mountain's popular singing group "the Second Century" will give a concert and the day will conclude with skits by the college players and vespers. Morning worship services and a farewell program will end the week-end activities.

Overall coordination of the high school week-end is the responsibility of the 1975-76 freshman class at Blue Mountain and the class sponsor is Charles M. Clark, head of the art department at BMC.

Emily Crump of Memphis, president of the freshman class, noted, "The entire class is excited about this big week-end on campus and we are all looking forward to having these high school guests on our campus."



New Class At Blue Mountain

Instructor Cissy Smyrl of New Albany offers some advice to Anita McCormick of Memphis during the newest class at Blue Mountain College, The Fundamentals of Horsemanship. The popular addition at BMC offers students exposure to basic riding positions and English equitation. Looking on are Denise Davis (L) of Orange City, Fla. and Susan Sparks of Amory.

November 15 Will Be Day For Prospective Students At Carey

The annual Prospective Student Day at William Carey College has been set for Saturday, November 15, according to an announcement by Lony Pascale, director of admissions. Special events planned for the day, which will begin with registration at 9 a.m. will include a performance by the William Carey College Chorus and a special theatrical presentation by the speech and drama department. Called "Get Happy — It's Make Believe," the drama is a musical adaptation of two presentations this summer in Carey's first sum-

mer dinner-theater.

Also planned for the day are campus tours, faculty conferences, and a free lunch served by Morrison's Food Services in Wilkes Dining Hall. Climaxing the day at 3 p.m. will be a special contemporary concert by Jack Ross in Thomas Fine Arts Auditorium.

All interested high school students and junior college sophomores are invited to make reservations for Prospective Student Day by writing or phoning the department of admissions at William Carey College.



Prospective Student Day at Carey will be hosted by freshmen students this year like Steve Perry, right, son of Rev. Bobby Perry, pastor of First Church of Moss Point. Scheduled for Saturday, November 15, day will include campus tours led by other freshmen such as Rickey Roney, also from Moss Point, and Dianne Tanner from Lucedale, above with Steve.



Rockathon For State Missions

Thirty-eight young people rocked in the "Rockathon for State Missions" at First Church, Tunica. After a football game, the young people brought their rocking chairs to the fellowship hall and rocked from 10 p.m. to 12 noon the next day. They had asked sponsors to give to the State Missions. Offering at the rate of a penny per minute for each minute rocked. Twenty-seven rocked the entire 14 hours. Through these efforts \$730.80 was given. The total church offering, \$1151.55, was about 165% more than was given last year. Movies of the rockathon were taken and shown following an evening service. A copy of Good News for Modern Man was presented to ones who rocked 14 hours. Dr. Pat Nowell is pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Luke with their son, Larry, at Simmons Memorial Church, Florida.

Larry Luke Day In Florida

Sunday, October 12, was Larry Luke Day at Simmons Memorial Church, Florida. Larry, one of the church members, was injured in October, 1968, during a football game and has been paralyzed since. He lives in Florida with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grady Luke.

Events of Larry Luke Day included special music by the youth choir of Paul Truitt Church, Pearl, under direction of Danny Brock, and the presentation to Larry of a stereo component set with stand, as a gift from the church. Also a special offering

was received for the Larry Luke Fund, in the amount of \$1,000. This fund is for the constant medical care Larry requires.

Morris Luke, spokesman for the family, responded in appreciation to the many persons who have given aid in many ways to Larry and his family. After the service, a reception was given in fellowship hall. Rev. Nelson Crozier, pastor, said that the whole message of the event was summed up in the inscription on the cake at the reception: "We Love you, Larry."

Struggling With Pride And Jealousy

By Wm. J. Fallis
Genesis 37

People who do not realize the nature of the Bible may be surprised to find this story in Genesis. They



may want the Bible to be a very "religious" book about good people, with high-minded moral lessons on every page. They sometimes pretend not to see the weaknesses and selfishness of biblical heroes, afraid they might show some disrespect for God's Word. But because the Bible is a record of God's self-revelation to men, we must see them as they really were. To know the power of God's grace, we must see the ugliness of man's sin. Joseph was a spoiled, conceited teenager, and his brothers were so fed up that they were

willing to do anything to get rid of him. What a family!

The Lesson Explained
Jacob Spoiled His Younger Son
Verses 5-11

Verses 1-4 provide the unpleasant setting for the story. At seventeen Joseph was helping some of his brothers with the sheep; once he had given his father a bad report on those brothers. Jacob had given Joseph a special robe, probably long and with sleeves. Evidently Jacob had forgotten the parental favoritism in his own youth.

Now "papa's pet" must tell his brothers some of the dreams he had dreamed. In the first, all the brothers were binding sheaves of grain. When Joseph's sheaf stood erect, the others gathered round and bowed to it. The very idea of a younger brother having such a dream; anyone could tell what he was thinking. And the older ones didn't like it. The second dream

involved the sun, moon, and twelve stars; everyone honored Joseph's star. Jacob saw it as boastful and a bit ridiculous, but he did not get angry. While the brothers were getting more jealous, the father "kept the saying in mind" (RSV).

Joseph's Brothers Get Rid of Him
Verses 17b-24

On one occasion while the brother had the flock grazing at Shechem, Jacob asked Joseph to visit them to find out how they were getting along. The brothers recognized him from afar in his special robe, and they began to plot against "this dreamer." His arrogance and their jealousy were still boiling. Instead of outright murder, Reuben, the oldest brother, urged that Joseph be dropped into a cistern. The writer tells us that he expected to rescue Joseph after the brothers had left.

When Joseph arrived, they took

off his robe and put him into the dry cistern. Its sides slanted inward toward the top opening; thus it was almost escape-proof. Then the brothers sat down together for lunch. Although they had not shed any blood, so far as they were concerned Joseph was out of their mind.

A Bloody Coat; A Grieving Father

While they were eating, they saw a camel caravan in the distance. It was heading south toward Egypt from Gilead, Judah, the third brother in age saw an opportunity to avoid blood guilt in leaving Joseph to die in the cistern. He proposed that they sell Joseph to the traveling merchants. So, his life was spared, but he was later sold as a slave in Egypt.

Then, the brothers took the handsome robe and dipped it here and there in the blood of a young goat. By the time they got back home it was dried and ugly, and it was easy for Jacob to believe that Joseph had been killed by some wild beast. The brothers did not need to make up any story. In their cruel deception, the brothers got back at their father for his partiality.



Beyond the Ironing Board.
Wilda Fancher

I'm sitting in my favorite chair looking out my favorite window, one that's fifty inches high and twelve feet wide.

Sitting here when the leaves are on the trees, I can see only one thing that is man-made — a portion of the TV lead wire. Everything else is trees, sky, air, sunshine, and sometimes, small animals.

Today I'm watching the stillness. Have you ever watched stillness? It's a soothing, smoothing thing to do. An occasional stirring branch of leaves shakes the green. An occasional pine needle dives through the stillness.

And so, I think of pine straw. Simple, brown needles, slight and slender, insignificantly alone as they pierce downward. Surely, one or two of them falling all along as I sit here watching won't amount to enough that we'll have to rake them. Just one or two, here and there, not a downpour or snowfall of them, just one or two here and there.

But then I stand up so that I can see below the window sill. And there spreads a prickly shag carpet of brown all over our backyard and a crazy-quilt coverlet of pine straw over our patio.

And I wonder if Satan has a favorite chair and favorite window and if, when he looks out of it, he says, "Oh, one or two Christians here and there won't amount to much. There's not a bunch of them, so I'll not worry about one or two here and there."

Then suddenly he finds a newsstand stripped of pornography, a county voted dry, a joint closed up, a life reclaimed, a church revitalized, an institution sustaining high morals, a husband and wife deciding their marriage will work after all, on and on the Christian coverlet for good stretches over the world.

Everywhere Satan turns he sees us — one or two Christians here and there. And we do make a difference.

be as perfect in love as God is. Perfection demanded by Jesus was not the perfection of the legalistic Pharisees. He held up God's perfection as our goal in life. The demand will never be met in this life but it is there to be met.

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Woodville Heights Plans For Lay Renewal Weekend

Over 100 laypersons from all over the state have been invited to participate in Woodville Heights, Jackson's Lay Renewal Weekend scheduled for November 7-9.

Sidney Ellis of Greenville will coordinate the weekend of 42 hours of personal spiritual enrichment. A 24-hour continuous prayer service will begin at 5 p.m. on Thursday, November 6 and conclude at 5 on Friday. Each church member is asked to sign up for the prayer room for fifteen minutes during this prayer time.

Committee chairmen are busy preparing for the fellowship dinners, coffees, coke parties, and housing the guests.

Each age group will be provided for during the entire weekend schedule. Laymen will share and lead church members in personal evaluation and enrichment as well as sharing their testimonies and reasons for spending their time to serve in Lay Renewal Weekends.

Rev. Carl Savell is pastor of the church at 1109 Cooper Road, Jackson.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

A New Kind Of Righteousness

By Bill Duncan
Matt. 5:17 - 48

Here is how to hit the bull's-eye every time! Fire at a blank target. Wherever the bullet strikes, select that spot as the Bull's-eye and draw your concentric circles around it.

Absurd?
No more so than the aimless person who stumbles into one day after another, setting today's goal on the basis of yesterday's deed. Somewhat like saying that whatever is to be, will be, no risk, no sweat, no venture. Just sweet success even though it is phony.

There are those who set their code of behavior the same way. They never stop to ask, is this right or wrong. Whatever they do is considered right.

On the other hand there are those "Pharisees" who have a set code or standard who think that by doing certain deeds or not doing certain practices they will please God. Their standards are such goals that men find that they are unfair.

Jesus must have staggered his disciples when he said: "Except

your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and the Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven." I am sure some threw up their hands saying, "That is impossible." The scribes and Pharisees whom Jesus denounced rather than commended specialized in a righteousness which was punctilious performance of the letter of the law without the spirit of love for God and their fellow man.

The new righteousness that Jesus advocated was based upon a positive spiritual obedience motivated by love in the hidden chambers of the heart. Jesus accepted the Old Testament law in principle and as permanently binding, but he elevated the moral and ethical demands above ritual laws to personal relationships.

To Jesus there was one principle that a Christian must follow. He must seek God's will, and when he knows it, he must dedicate his whole life to the obeying of it. The Scribes and Pharisees were right in seeking God's will, and profoundly right in dedicating their lives to obey it. But they were wrong in finding that will in their man-made horde of rules and regulations.

How did Jesus fulfil the law? When we look at the Ten Commandments, we see that the foundation word is respect or even better reverence. Reverence for God, for his name, for his day, for life, property, personality, etc. The foundation principle is reverence for God and respect for our fellow man and ourselves. Jesus came to show men in life what it means to give to God the reverence which is his due, and to give to men the respect which is their due. That respect and reverence was based upon the positive commandment to love.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus gave six illustrations of what He meant by the fulfillment of the law.

MURDER

The very existence of any social order is based upon the law forbidding murder. Jesus went deeper and forbade the willingness to kill, forbade anger in the heart, because anger is the root of which murder is the fruit. It is not enough to refrain from the act of killing. In the Kingdom it is wrong to assassinate another's character, or to attack his reputation.

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tation. Love in the heart is the only true guide. One must allow love to control his heart.

ADULTERY

The Ten Commandments forbade adultery and the coveting of another man's wife. To the rabbis, adultery was the illicit sexual relationship with the wife or betrothed of another Jew. In this view, seduction of a single woman or of a non-Jew's wife was not considered adultery.

Jesus saw adultery as sin on the part of man or any woman where sex became a means of selfish pleasure outside of the context of married love. Adultery was destructive to the offender, the offended, to the marriage as a matter of attitude or intention. Jesus used this illustration to teach that sin begins at the point of consent, not with temptation or in the overt act alone.

Jesus said that not only is sexual lust a form of adultery but that the threat of lust is so strong and its dangers so great that a price comparable to the removal of eye or hand is not too great to pay as one seeks freedom from it. Radical discipline is required for the life free of this evil.

DIVORCE

A basic rock in the foundation of a perfect social order is the sanctity and permanence of the marriage vow. The Jews of Jesus' day made divorce tragically easy. God ordained monogamy.

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TARGET-GROUP EVANGELISM

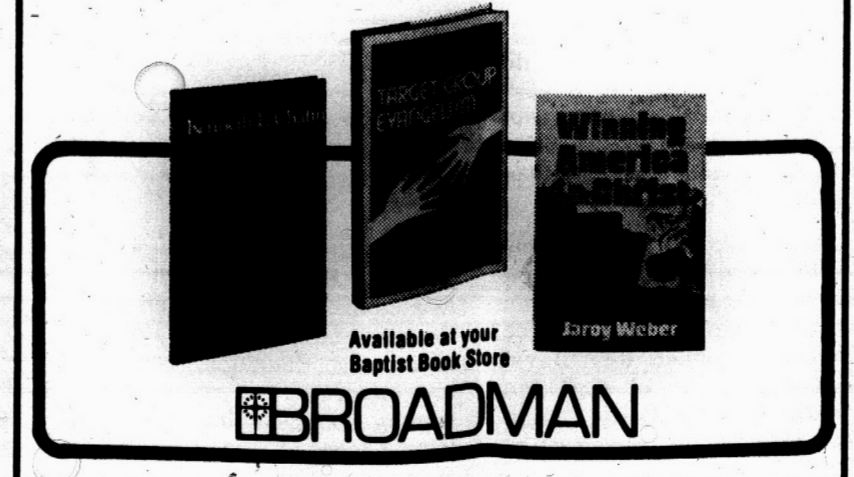
Ralph W. Neighbour, Jr. and Cal Thomas

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Jerry Weber

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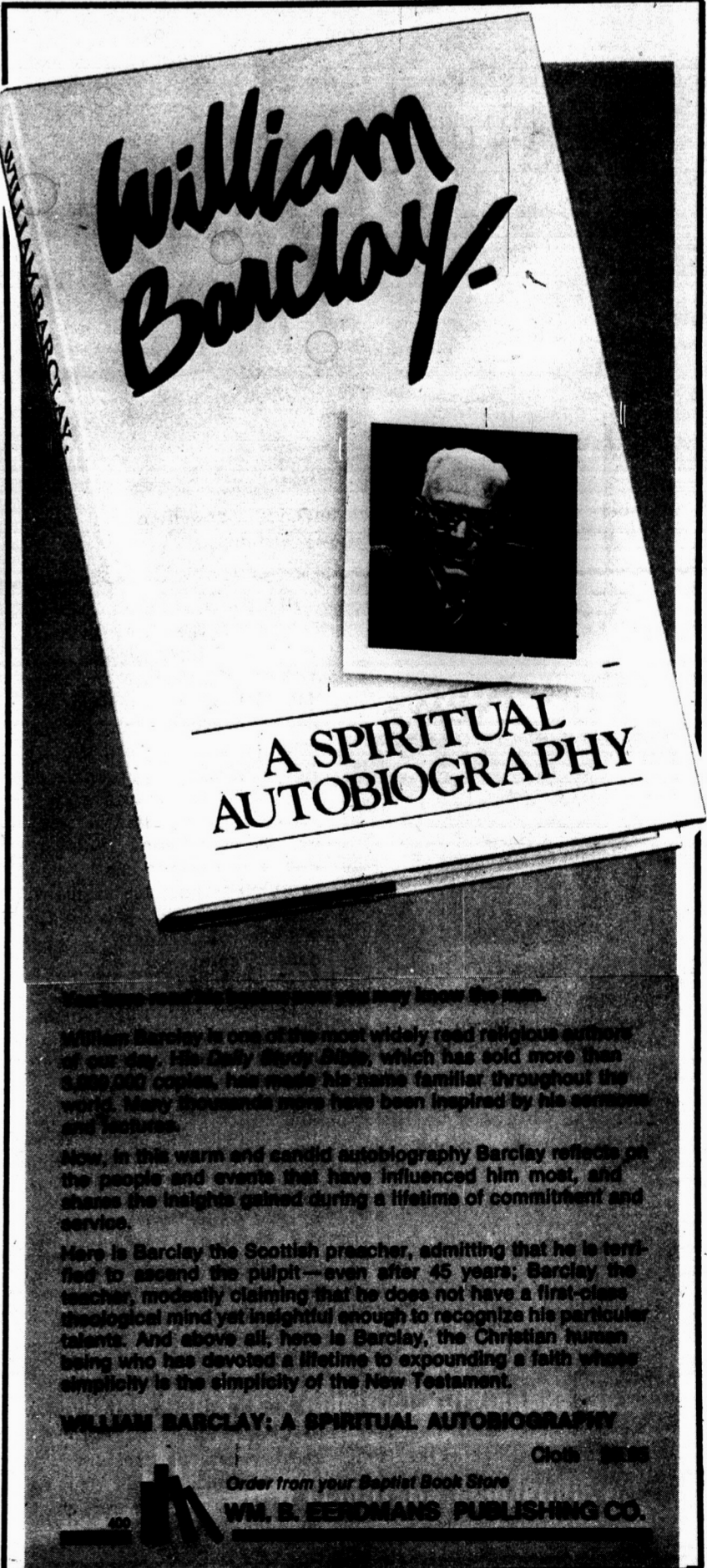
Seminary In Argentina

It was a clear cool night in late spring. As strange as it might seem, it was November, and the patio behind the chapel was filled with light and the hum of many voices. More than 1200 people had assembled to pay tribute to nineteen young men and women who had completed their years of Seminary training. It was graduation night, 1974!

I felt a sense of deep joy and humble awareness as I looked at the sea of faces waiting expectantly. There was a feeling of continuity with the past as the guest speaker was presented, for fifty years ago he had received his diploma from the hand of a pioneer Southern Baptist missionary and first president of the Baptist Seminary in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Sidney Sowell, the deceased missionary, and Lorenzo Pluis, the distinguished pastor and Baptist statesman, linked the past with the present, and I, as I sat on the platform, thanked God for the love, prayers, and offerings that have made a dream of yesterday a living reality of today, and the hope of tomorrow.

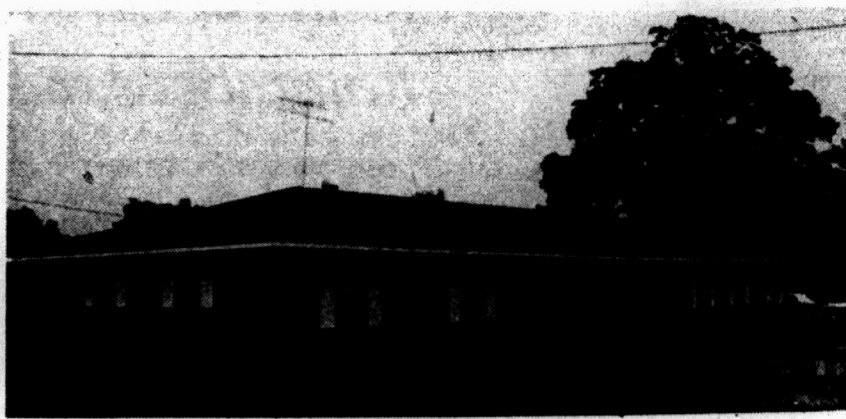
Behind the graduates and assembled congregation stood Southern Baptists that have made possible modern buildings, an excellent library, and well trained professors. Thank you for your part in helping make possible this ministry of preparation and proclamation of the gospel.

A. J. Glaze, Jr.
Buenos Aires



Mississippi Newsbriefs

Just For The Record



Conehatta Dedicates Pastorium

Conehatta Church recently dedicated a new pastorium. Built by the men of the church, the home has been valued at \$35,000, and the note possibly will be paid off in December. The Building and Finance Committees worked together to construct the pastorium. Dr. Charles Melton, association missionary for Newton County, spoke during the morning worship service, and led in the Prayer of Dedication after a noon meal "on the grounds." A money tree was presented to the pastor, Rev. Tommy Titus, and his family. Then everyone present toured the new home.

Eastside, Belzoni Calls Pastor

First Church, Belzoni, recently ordained Thomas R. Arinder to the gospel ministry.



Mr. Arinder has been called as pastor of Eastside Church, Belzoni. He, his wife Pat, their twin boys Tom and Tim, and their newest arrival Denise are at home in the pastorium of Eastside.

Mr. Arinder is a graduate of Mississippi State University.

Seminary Offers Evening Class In Old Testament

New Orleans Seminary will continue to offer evening classes through its Seminary Extension Department. Old Testament Introduction II, taught by Waylon Bailey, is open to all.

The evening course, covering I Kings through Malachi, began November 4 and will continue through December 16. The class meets at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, at Bunyan Bldg. on the seminary campus.

Old-Fashioned Day At Temple, Jackson

Temple Church, Jackson, celebrated "Old Fashioned Day" October 5 with members dressing in bonnets, old-fashioned dresses and overalls. The best dressed lady was Mrs. Maud Jones, best dressed man was James Fuller, best dressed girl was Debbie Cliburn, best dressed boy was Gary Sarver.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Barney Walker. Lunch was served out side with many old-fashioned dishes. The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Fred Tarpley, director of missions, Hinds-Madison Association. Special music was presented by the Midway Quartet. The pastor is Rev. Wayne Crenshaw.

Deacons, Wives Eat At Fish Camp

The ordained deacons and wives of Central Church, Brookhaven, enjoyed their annual outing October 9, at Al's Fish Camp, Monticello.

Thirty-two people took part in this occasion. One of the added features to the fellowship was "traveling on Mr. Loyd Walker's bus."

Harvest Day At Good Hope (Leake)

Harvest Day for Good Hope Church (Leake) was held November 2.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. C. T. Myers, a former pastor of the church. Dinner was served on the grounds.

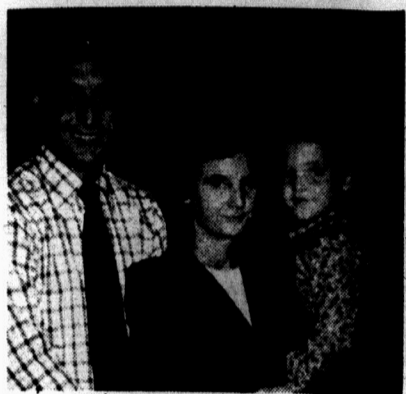
Rev. Paul Jordan is pastor.

Wayside Homecoming

Wayside Church near Vicksburg will have homecoming on November 9, with dinner at the church and singing in the afternoon. The church recently ordained Henry Wayne Muirhead, Jr. as deacon. Rev. Alton Hodnett is the pastor.

No Problem

Despite the speed of modern living go-getters save enough time to plan their next move.



Enon Pastor Resigns

Rev. C. G. Gaston, Jr. of Woodland has resigned at Enon Church, Clay County, where he has preached each Sunday morning for three years.

Enon's attendance during this time has grown, and the number of tithers has increased. The church has started a "golden" savings account with which they hope to begin a new sanctuary within a few months.

Mr. Gaston plans now to preach full-time at Bentley Church in Calhoun County, where he has given only half-time since being at Enon.

Rev. and Mrs. C. G. Gaston, Jr. and their daughter, Susanne



Singing Women To Appear At Harpersville Church

The Mississippi Singing Women will appear in concert at Harpersville Church on November 9 at 5 p.m. The concert will include a group of patriotic and early American hymn tunes, a group of spirituals and selections of testimony and faith. Harpersville Church arranged the time of this concert

in the afternoon, so that other churches in the community may attend. The public is invited. Nan Grantham, music assistant in the Mississippi Church Music Department, is director of the group and Dot Pray, Colonial Heights Church in Jackson, is accompanist.

Devotional

Three Secrets Of A Successful Life

By D. C. McAtee, Pastor, Eastwood, Indianapolis
PHILIPPIANS 3:13, 14

All of us desire success in life. Some desire success at any price. Some pay a price that is far too high for what they give up and what they get in return.



The Apostle Paul would have been considered the greatest success and the greatest failure at the same time. It would have depended upon which group you were talking to. That is much like today. It depends upon which group you are talking to.

Paul seems to be saying to us:
I. Utilize the forgetfulness of the past. In other words, have a good "forgetter." Many people are weighed down with the burdens and transgressions of the past. Others are hindered by their past successes. Paul says, "Forgetting those things which are behind..."

Let us, then, forget our mistakes, sins, transgressions, call them what you will, but forget about them. God has said that he would separate us from our sins. "I will forgive their iniquity, and will remember their sin no more." (31:34 b). We ought to be as good to ourselves as God is to us... if that were possible.

A little couple in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, called me one morning about 2 a.m. When I arrived I found this big strong man gripped with fear as he recalled his dark past. After some reassuring promises from the word of God, he was calmed and assured in the love of God and later surrendered to preach.

But we are to forget our successes. Any time we think we have "arrived" we are getting ready to digress. In a Midwest football field house there is a sign over the door which reads, "If what you did last week is still big in your eyes, you are not trying hard enough."

II. We must concentrate upon the task at hand at this present time. Paul said, "This one thing I do..." You plus God equals enough to do all God wants you to do.

III. Paul kept his eyes on the future. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. May we all reach the success in Christ that God wants us too."



Members of Gore Springs Church unveiled a new memorial marker on the church's twentieth anniversary October 19.

Gore Springs Unveils Marker On Twentieth Anniversary

At least 250 witnessed the unveiling of the new memorial marker at Gore Springs Church on Sunday afternoon, October 19, the occasion of the church's twentieth birthday celebration. The marker was placed in honor of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gillon who donated the land for the church in 1955. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gillon are deceased, but their three daughters were present: Mrs. Fred Tyner, Canton; Mrs. Alton Carroll, Lexington, and Mrs. Calvin Clanton, Gore Springs, who unveiled the marker after scripture reading by the pastor, Rev. Jimmy McHann, and prayer by George Williams, deacon.

This special service followed dinner on the grounds. Rev. G. H. Middleton, Ackerman, first pastor of the church, was present.

He and another former pastor, Rev. Edgar Harvey, Grenada were on the program. Mrs. Harvey was also present, as was Mrs. L. B. Cooper, Southaven, widow of another former pastor.

Mrs. Bobby Gillon, Grenada, former member, presented special music, and the men's group of the church sang.

Earl Gillon, church clerk, read a history of the church and called the roll of charter members. (Of the original 45, six are deceased; 21 were present.)

Another highlight of the afternoon service was the burning of the church note. Earl Gillon, chairman of the original building committee, led in this. Since the church was built in 1956, a pastorium has been completed and an educational annex added, with central heat and air installed.

Revival Dates

Southside Church, Jackson: November 2-7; Dr. Howard H. Aultman, pastor, First Church, Columbia, evangelist; Dallas Rayborn, Hattiesburg, leading the singing; week-day services at 12:15 p.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. Fred D. Fowler, pastor.

Some goals of the anniversary committee (Mrs. Earl Gillon, chairman) were the buying of church hymnals (Tommy Gillon, music director); building of a new church sign; placing of a plaque in foyer with names of pastors on it. These goals were met and more than enough was given to pay off the church debt.

During this year the church has had more baptisms and larger mission gifts than in any previous year. A piece of valuable property has been given to the church, on nearby Grenada Lake. The congregation hopes to have a mission on it by next summer.

Off The Record

In explaining how Sir Isaac Newton discovered the law of gravity, the teacher told her class: "Newton" was sitting on the ground looking at a tree. An apple fell on his head, and from that he discovered gravitation. Isn't that wonderful? A small boy in the back of the room spoke up: "It sure is. And if he'd been sittin' in a school lookin' at a book, he wouldn't have discovered nothin'."

The tall Texas tycoon dashed down the hotel steps and flopped down in the back seat of a cab. "Where to?" the driver asked over his shoulder. "Anywhere!" said the Texan. "I got business everywhere."

Names In The News



Locust Hill Church, (Pontotoc) has licensed Bill Williams, Jr., right, to the gospel ministry. The certificate of license was presented by Rev. Marion Payne, pastor of Locust Hill Church, left. Bill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Williams, Sr., is enrolled at Northeast Junior College. He is married to the former Carol Gaines. He is available for supply (call 1-901-844-3945 or write Rev. Bill Williams, Jr., Route One, Blue Springs, MS. 38828).

Rev. Robert Scott has resigned Silver Creek (Pike) to assume the pastorate of First Southern Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

Big Ridge Church, Biloxi, celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of their pastor, Rev. Robert M. Carlisle, on Sunday, Oct. 12. A reception was held and a generous love offering from the church family was presented. The church has seen a continuous growth in membership and a number of educational buildings and a pastorium has been completed under his ministry. The church is now in the process of building a new nursery complex.

Bellevue Church, Shelby, held deacon ordination for Lonnie Skinner on October 19, with Rev. Adron Horne bringing the charge to the church, Rev. Jimmy Breland bringing the charge to the candidate, Rev. Otis Henderson bringing the ordination sermon, Rev. S. W. Davis, Jr. presenting the certificate of ordination, and Deacon Jim Goodman offering the ordination prayer. Paul Davis, son of Rev. and Mrs. Davis, sang a special solo.

Rev. H. R. Caldwell, pastor of Cedar View (DeSoto) for eight years, has resigned. A new auditorium was recently dedicated that was constructed under his leadership.

Rev. Samuel B. Hesler recently became the new pastor of Calvary Church, Freeport, Texas. Mr. Hesler, who was born in Houston, Texas, is married to the former Hilda Joyce Yates, daughter of Mrs. Lois Yates of Carson, Mississippi. They have three children, Janet Elaine, 13, Evelyn Joan, 11, and John Earl, 6. He graduated from Houston Baptist College and Southwestern Seminary. One of his writings won first prize in the Southern Baptist Historical Commission's 1970 historical contest.



Roddy Simmons, music director at Carriage Hills (DeSoto) has resigned to accept a church in Texas. He also served as DeSoto association-al music director.

B. J. Belk and Michael Penock were ordained Sept. 28 as deacons at Temple Church, Jackson. Rev. Wayne Crenshaw, pastor. Rev. David Myers, director of Christian Social Ministry, Hinds-Madison Association, preached the ordination message.

Rev. and Mrs. James A. Foster, missionaries to the Philippines, will be coming to Mississippi for a short furlough beginning November 7. They plan to live in the missionary home of DeSoto Association for four months and will return to Manila by March 7, 1976. While here, their address will be 323 Cherokee Drive, Twin Lakes, Walls, MS 38680.

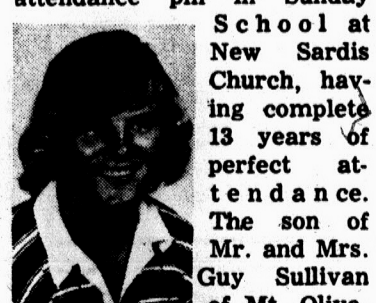


Rev. Sherman Barnette, new pastor at Friendship Church, Grenada, his wife Linda and daughter Mandy, are pictured at a recent reception and pounding held in their honor in the church's Fellowship Hall.



Centerville Church (Walthall) recently held a Deacons' and Wives' Fellowship in honor of their inactive deacons. Rev. Darnell Archie was guest speaker at the dinner. Left to right above, seated, are the inactive deacons: Ray Breland, Otis Stinson, and Will Smith. Standing, 1 to r, are pastor and active deacons: Rev. H. G. Martin, Jewel Johnson, Norman Burch, D. C. Lawrence, Donald Stinson, Guy Lee. Deacons not pictured, George Alford and Harvey Johnson.

Ronald Jeff Sullivan, 17, has been awarded a perfect attendance pin in Sunday School at New Sardis Church, having completed 13 years of perfect attendance.



The son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Sullivan of Mt. Olive, he is a senior at Mt. Olive Attendance Center. His pastor is Rev. Willie Johnson.

Larry Dunlap, member of First Church, New Albany, recently received his Master of Religion Education degree from New Orleans Seminary. Native of New Albany, he is a graduate of Blue Mountain College. He has pastored several churches and is available for church work or supply. He is married to the former Dot Caldwell and they have two children.



An Heroic Ministry

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you from God?" He began his answer by saying, "No, I'm from the First Baptist. . . ." But he stopped in mid-sentence, and then said, "Yes, I'm from God." So the minister is to be.

Will Durant, in *The Story Of Philosophy*, tells how Voltaire came to Paris to die at age 83. The French skeptic was visited by a priest who urged him to sign a profession of faith in Catholic doctrine. Voltaire asked, "From whom do you come, M. L'Abbe?" The priest responded, "From God Himself." "Well, well, sir," Voltaire countered, "your credentials?" God's minister must have the proper credentials, and they are that the Lord sent him.

The source of John's ministry meant at least two things. First, the source of his ministry meant that he had spent time alone with God. Next to nothing is known about John's life between the event of his birth and his entrance into a public ministry. The belief is that John was a member of the Essene community in the Qumran area near the Dead Sea. Certainly his diet and dress spoke of such an ascetic life. The fact is, however, that John came out of the wilderness (Luke 3:2b) where he had spent time alone with the Lord.

Spending time with God is vitally essential for God's man. There must be time allowed for the Lord to speak His truth to the man of God. One occupational hazard of the ministry today is that the preacher can become so busily involved in the work of God that he does not take the time to hear the Word of God. Carl F. Henry asked, "Can the Protestant minister who says that he does not have time to study really have an answer to the layman, who after many weekly disappointments, says that he does not have time to listen?"

George Bernard Shaw, in his play *Saint Joan*, has Joan on trial before the King of France. The annoyed Dauphin says, "Your voices, your voices! I'm sick of your voices! Why don't you voices come to me? I'm the king, not you." Joan of Arc answers, "They do come, but you do not hear them. You have not sat in the field listening for them." If one's ministry is from God, he must spend time with God.

Second, the source of John's ministry meant that he had a correct concept of his calling. John knew what the Lord sent him to do. He never forgot who and what he was. John was the forerunner, not the main attraction. He was the messenger, not the message. He was the herald of the King, not the King who was heralded.

John's appearance in the Judean wilderness and area of the Jordan made waves that washed far and wide. Throughout Judea the echoes of his preaching reverberated and overnight he became the center of public attention and interest. The Bible says, "And there went out to him all the country of Judea, and all the people of Jerusalem" (Mark 1:5a).

How easy it could have been for John to ride the crest of such overwhelming popularity. Sure, he knew he was only the preview of what was to come, but why not bask in the glory of popular attention? Instead, he depreciated himself and refused to surrender to an exaggerated attitude of self-importance. He said of himself in relation to the Christ, "I am not worthy to untie His shoes" (Luke 3:16). He said, "I am the voice" (John 3:23) — Jesus is the message. He said, "I am the friend" (John 3:29) — Jesus is the bridegroom. John said, "He (Jesus) must increase, but I must decrease" (John 3:30).

It is easy for one to forget or become confused about his role. Even though this might result in the gaining of personal glory, the glory of God will soon depart from that person's ministry.

II. The Subject Of John's Ministry Luke said, "The Word of God came to John" (3:2b). God spoke to John and the preacher's subject became the word God had spoken. It is possible to delineate the emphases of that word from God which John preached. Those emphases given on the banks of the Jordan are as apropos today as they were then.

First, John preached a personal repentance. He said, "Repent for the Kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2).

"Also of John a calling and a crying Rang in Bethabara till strength was spent, Cared not for counsel, stayed not for replying, John had one message for the world, 'repent'." The word 'repent' is a poor

translation of the Greek. Repent is from Latin, and it means to be sorry again. One can be sorry and never do what John urged. The Greek word (metanoia) means basically to change. It is a parallel to the Old Testament admonition to turn or return to the Lord (Isaiah 55:7; Ezekiel 33:11 Hosea 14:1; Joel 2:12). One said that to repent does not mean to turn from this sin or that, but, to turn from self to the Saviour.

Repentance is a repeated emphasis in the New Testament. Jesus said, "But unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Luke 13:3, 5). On Mar's Hill Paul preached, "The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now He commands all men everywhere to repent" (Acts 17:30). The messages of Jesus to His churches in Revelation chapters two and three admonish repentance. To five of the seven churches the Lord said, "repent" (Revelation 2:5, 16, 22; 3:3, 19). Repentance must also be a clear note in the symphony of modern preaching.

Second, John preached a practical righteousness. He said, "Bear fruits that befit repentance" (Luke 3:8). The repentance that was declared in baptism was to be demonstrated in behavior.

John believed that if one was right with God, that relationship would be expressed in daily conduct. Thus when he was asked by the people what they were to do, he answered in terms of practical righteousness. He spoke of positive actions in meeting human needs (Luke 3:11), honesty in business (3:12-13) and fair treatment of all people (3:14). The late Samuel Miller, who was Dean of the Harvard Divinity School, once said that the trouble with much of our religion today is not that it is dishonest but restricted. He said it is restricted to a certain time and place. John preached a religion expressed in the terms of day to day living.

Unless our religion leads to and finds expression in the home, school, business, and social life, it is not real. Religious professions, so easily made, are to be authenticated by righteous living. In the musical, *My Fair Lady*, Eliza Doolittle sings to Professor Henry Higgins: "I'm sick of your words. Don't talk to me of love, show me! Sing me no songs, tell me no rhymes, and make me no speeches, show me!" Practical righteousness is a 'show me' religion.

Third, John preached a powerful Redeemer. When he was asked if He were the Christ, the preacher answered, "I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in His hand, to clear His threshing floor, and to gather the wheat into His granary, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire" (Luke 3:15-17). John saw the Lord Jesus as the Giver of life, the Divider of men, and the Great Judge before whom all must stand.

The urgent need of today is to know this great Redeemer personally. Man's problems can become so complex and involved that one cannot simplistically prescribe for them all by saying, "Christ is the answer." But, Christ is the answer to the issue of man's lostness and his basic life needs.

In 1971 I had the privilege of preaching in a revival meeting at the Westchester Baptist Church in New York. The first service was on Wednesday night. When I arrived at the church the following evening, Mrs. Robert Fling, the pastor's wife, called me to one side and pointed out a woman in the congregation. She then told me that the woman was present the evening before, but had come having made the arrangements to take her own life. She came to the service as a last resort, having decided that if no help was found that night, she would carry out her plans to leave this life uncalled by God. Obviously, the fact that she was present the following evening indicated that her plans had been changed. I did not know the woman, and knew nothing of her life need as I preached that Wednesday night. But the Holy Spirit knew how to take the message of the redeeming Christ and meet a life need.

It is our highest privilege and gravest responsibility to tell men about the Redeemer. Dr. Cal Guy told of an experience of making a collect long distance call to his brother. The operator asked Dr. Guy his name. He answered her, "Dr. Cal Guy." As the operator made the connection for him, she casually asked, "What kind of doctor are you?" He answered, "I'm

a doctor of theology. I tell people about God." In a serious tone the young woman said, "That's the kind of doctor I need." People need to be told about the Lord, and it is our business to tell them.

III. The Spirit Of John's Ministry John's ministry was characterized by a spirit of courage. Consider the composition of his congregations. Matthew said, "Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan" (3:5). That host of folks included a delegation of Levites, or Sadducees (John 1:19), and a delegation of Pharisees (John 1:24). Also, there were Publicans, or civil servants (Luke 3:12) and soldiers (Luke 3:14). A crowd like that would be enough to make any preacher shaky! But John faced that multitude in a spirit of holy boldness, and declared God's truth with no degree of timidity or indication of reticence. He was not afraid of offending anyone, for seeing the Pharisees and Sadducees, he said, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?" (Matthew 3:7).

God's prophet today might well learn a lesson from John the Baptist. I do not commend or endorse abusive preaching that bludgeons folks with the Bible and leaves a congregation beaten to a bloody pulp, but I do caution against a compromise that leaves preaching harmless and innocuous. Diogenes said, "He who never offended anyone, never did anyone any good."

Halford Luccock wrote of the temptation to evade, or at best compromise: "We are beset before and after by proverbs which whisper, 'watch your step.' We are told that 'discretion is the better part of valor,' and what sweet music it often is to our ears! We readily forget that the epitaph on the gravestones of many good causes has been, 'Died of discretion.' We are told with unctuous persuasiveness that 'he who fights and runs away, lives to fight another day.' That is usually a lie. He may live, only to run away again at the next crisis" (The Interpreter's Bible, Volume VII, page 735). Preaching and being God's witness demands the spirit of courage. We need to remind ourselves of the words of God to Jeremiah: "Be not afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you" (Jeremiah 1:8).

John's ministry was also characterized by a spirit of urgency. That spirit of urgency exuded from every exclamation, and made every word he spoke vibrate with imperativeness. John's preaching was not in the rhythmic and soothing tones of a lullaby, but the torrential flow of a great flood. F. W. H. Myer wrote:

"John, than which man a grander or greater Not till this day of woman born, John like some iron peak of the Creator Fired with the red glow of the rushing morn."

There was an urgency in his ministry.

Just before the Russian revolution in March of 1917, a group of Russian Orthodox priests met in Moscow for a two day conference on liturgy. Six blocks from where the first shots of the revolution were fired, those priests were hotly debating whether to wear a white or yellow surplice in a certain part of the Russian Orthodox service. How easy it is to become sidetracked and forget that we have urgent business.

While in the Air Force I was assigned for a short time to the adjutant general's office in base headquarters. We received the official communications that came to our command from other commands. Frequently one would arrive with the single word 'expedite' stamped in red on the cover. The standard operational procedure was to see to it that the communication marked 'expedite' got to the addressee with all haste. God has stamped 'expedite' on His business and we must be urgent in our discharge of it. There must be a breathless urgency in our work, for if history teaches anything, it says that time is not on our side.

Conclusion: John's ministry was heroic. It was a selfless service involving great risks. He performed the service, forgetting about himself. He bravely faced the risks and ultimately died as a result. But having passed this way, John left a great legacy for the ministry. He was a man sent from God, who spoke the word God gave him, in the spirit of courage and urgency. Does God expect any less today? Dare any of us be any less today?

In Charles Dickens' novel about

the French Revolution, *A Tale Of Two Cities*, there is a tremendous scene in which people are being taken to the guillotine for execution. One of them is a little seamstress and the other is Sydney Carton. The seamstress recognizes him and asks if he will hold her hand as they ride in the cart to the place of execution. She says, "I am not afraid, but I am little and weak, and it will give me more courage." When they arrive at the guillotine, she looks into his face and thanks him. "But for you, dear stranger, I should not be so composed, for I am naturally a poor little thing, faint of heart; nor should I have been able to raise my thoughts to Him who was put to death, that we might have hope and comfort here today. I think you were sent to me by Heaven" (Favorite Works Of Dickens, pages 252-3, and 266).

We have been sent by Heaven, and I desire that my ministry be one that is Heaven's gift to people struggling with the burdens, crises, disappointments and vicissitudes of life. In the expression of that personal desire, I believe I speak also for you.

Hardy R. Denham, Jr.,
Convention Sermon
Mississippi Baptist Convention
November 11, 1975

Parkway Listed As Fastest Growing

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School average weekly attendance rose from 1,004 in October of 1974, to 1,083 in September of 1975. During this same period the Sunday School experienced a net increase in enrollment of 218 when the enrollment rose from 2,224 in 1974, to 2,442 on September 28, 1975. The Christian Life listing was based only on the period of September through June, or the school year.

Dr. Bill Causey is pastor, of the church. James Webster serves as minister of education, and Eddie Kinchen is the director of the Sunday School at Parkway. The list of the fastest growing Sunday Schools included 12 denominations in 50 states.

Southern Baptist, National Baptist Conference Set

A conference between Southern Baptists and National (Black) Baptists in Mississippi is scheduled for Nov. 20 at the Baptist Building in Jackson.

Personnel from the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, Ga., will be present.

Rev. Dick Brogan, director of the Department of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be in charge of the program.

Rev. Emmanuel McCall is director of the department for the Home Mission Board and will speak at the conference on "What's Happening Between National and Southern Baptists in the States." Rev. Brogan will deliver a position paper on "As I View Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists in Mississippi."

Others to make presentations are Rev. Ed Wheeler and Rev. Carlisle Driggers of the Home Mission Board staff.

The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. and dismiss at 3 p.m.

SBC Fiscal Year - - -

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of the new fiscal year, the national Cooperative Program received \$3,721,304.

The \$3.7 million figure if \$569,000 more than \$3.1 million in contributions in October 1974.

Total contributions for October, including an additional \$447,190 in designated gifts, amounted to \$4,168,494, or a 17.85 percent increase over \$3,536,988 given at the same point in the previous year.

During the 1975-76 fiscal year, the national Cooperative Program will shoot for a \$51 million budget, part of a combined \$150 million Cooperative Program goal of all the state conventions. The \$51 million figure includes a combined operating and capital needs budget of \$42,080,000 for national SBC agencies and an additional "challenge" portion of \$9,020,000. The 1974-75 fiscal year produced \$41,114,253 in national Cooperative Program contributions.



Garaywa Pastors' Retreat

Fellowship is a big part of a pastors' retreat, and so it was at Camp Garaywa recently. At left with the coffee cup is Rev. Al Homer, Gillsburg Church, near McComb; in the center is Rev. Horace McMillan of Kosciusko; and Dr. Harold Bryson, a speaker, pastor of Eastdale Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., formerly of Carthage, Miss.



Rev. J. W. Brister, standing, was a speaker at the pastors' conference. He is director of associational missions for Gulf Coast Association. Seated left to right are Rev. Clayton Bath, Tchula; Rev. Charles Brown, Bay Springs; Rev. Ronnie Ballard, Carrollton; Rev. Maurice Flowers, director of missions for the Jones County Baptist Association; and Rev. G. W. Smith, Louisville.



Seated around the table are, left to right, Rev. Horace McMillan, Kosciusko; Rev. Danny Holland, Louisville; Dr. R. A. Herrington, director of missions for Winston Association; Rev. Ray Foster, Decatur; Rev. Rickey W. McKay, Walnut Grove; and Rev. Howard D. Smith, Kilmichael. The retreat was sponsored by the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Rev. Leon Emery is church administration consultant with the board.

Baptists To Sponsor "Quit-Smoking" Clinic

The Mississippi Baptist Convention will sponsor its first "Quit Smoking" clinic November 17-21 at Ridgcrest Church in Jackson.

Working with the Convention will be the Mississippi Division of the American Cancer Society, which will make arrangements for the first-of-its-kind event.

"About two years ago," said Dr. J. Clark Hensley, of Jackson, "we began considering how we could approach the tobacco problem in a positive way."

Dr. Hensley is executive director of the Christian Action Commission of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Hensley added:

"One of our assignments is alcohol and drug abuse. Nicotine is in the classification of drugs. . . and it certainly is being abused. Smoking, you know, is the number one cause of preventable disease."

Dr. Hensley said his group wanted to take "the most positive approach possible" and decided that would be "to do something for those who want to quit."

"So we decided to sponsor a few pilot programs, and our pastor (Rev. Julius C. Thompson, pastor of Ridgcrest Church, Jackson) was with us on the idea."

"We hope, after a few pilot programs — after we gain some finesse — that we can have a clinic video-taped and make that tape available to churches and thus fulfill our role as a resource agency. "We feel that the church, being interested in helping people — being involved with people who are hurt — will be interested in what we are doing."

A spokesman for the Mississippi

Division of the American Cancer Society said the clinic will be conducted by the quit-smoking subcommittee of the division's committee on public education.

The clinic will be held from 7 p. m. to 9 p. m. on November 17-18 and again on November 20-21.

Home Board Elects Staffer, 19 Associates

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The payroll and employee benefits position formerly was held by Mrs. Hettie Johnson, who was named director of the division of business services in October.

In another personnel matter, business services in October.

In another personnel matter, the directors approved the transfer of Leonard O. Hinton, Jr., research consultant in the board's planning section, to the new position of director of evangelism survey and analysis in the evangelism section.

Missionary associates appointed included Clarence and Jean Buie of Albuquerque, N. Mex. He will serve as pastor of First Indian Baptist Church, Gallup. Both are natives of Natchez, Miss. He is a graduate of Mississippi College and attended New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and the University of Texas. For the last two years he has been pastor of Hermosa Baptist Church, Albuquerque. Mrs. Buie attended Tulane University.

Unit Chairman Confirms Agency Report On Taxation

WASHINGTON (BP) — The chairman of the House Committee on Ways and Means has confirmed an earlier report by the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs that elimination of tax deductible contributions to churches is not on the agenda of the present congress.

Contrary to reports otherwise that have been widely circulated through the nation, Rep. Al Ullman (D-Ore.) told John W. Baker, director of research services for the Baptist Joint Committee:

"While we will be considering the matter of nonprofit charities, the question of eliminating tax deductible contributions is not even on the agenda for this year or next year."

At the October semi-annual meeting of the Baptist Joint Committee, Rep. James C. Corman (D-Cal.), a prominent member of the Ways and Means Committee, said that any tax reform law in

the present congress will not include changes in the deductibility provision for gifts to churches and other charities.

Corman also expressed the view that the tax reform measure will not alter current tax laws which allow gifts of appreciated property to charitable institutions to be deducted at their appreciated value.

Hearings were held by the Ways and Means Committee during the summer of 1975. Current legislation relating to charities was not affected by these hearings.

The second phase of hearings related to tax reform is scheduled for November. According to a press release from the Ways and Means Committee, the hearings "will include, but not be limited to, the subjects of estate and gift taxation and the tax treatment of single persons and married couples."

Baker said that the hearings scheduled on estate and gift taxes

could affect bequests to church-related institutions. However, he said, because the committee is holding general hearings without a specific bill before it, the direction it will move is uncertain.

Commenting on the tax reform proposals that might be of concern to churches, church institutions and agencies, Baker said of the Baptist Joint Committee staff is determined to remain alert and will report to the Baptist constituencies immediately if dangers are involved and if action is required to clarify the positions of the churches.

Mrs. Charles McKay Dies In California

Mrs. Charles McKay, wife of the former pastor at Van Winkle Church, Jackson, and First Church, Pascagoula, died of pneumonia on Friday, November 7, in Riverside, California.

The funeral was held on Sunday afternoon, November 9, at the First Baptist Church, Scottsdale, Arizona, with interment in the Memory Lawn Garden on Monday.

Officiating at the memorial service were Mrs. McKay's two sons-in-law, Ernest B. Myers of Scottsdale and Alvin Woods of Anchorage, Alaska. The graveside service was in charge of her grandson, Ernest B. Myers, Jr.

Mrs. McKay was the former Fannie Ruth Measells of Rankin County. She is survived by her husband, Charles, who now is a professor at California Baptist College in Riverside; two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Myers, Scottsdale, Arizona and Mrs. Alvin Woods, Anchorage, Alaska; four grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. J. C. Everitt, Morton, Miss., and Mrs. Freeman Waters, Laurel, Miss.; and two brothers, Henry W. Measells of Forest, and John W. Measells, Memphis.

Mrs. McKay was well known in Mississippi, where her husband had pastored the Jackson and Pascagoula churches, and was active in Baptist life of the state. Later he went to Arizona as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Arizona Southern Baptist Convention, and then to the pastorate of the First Southern Baptist Church, Scottsdale. He had been at California Baptist College for the past two years.

LUANDA, Angola — In the midst of a civil war, conditions in Angola have disrupted church services and scattered church members, but the Baptist Book Store here had peak sales during a recent month, totaling \$2,600.



Prior to his 22 years with the Baptist Convention Board, Mr. Lane worked in several jobs in Kentucky, in bookkeeping and accounting. His first position was that of payroll clerk for the Elkhorn Coal Company, Fleming, Kentucky. Later he was bookkeeper for a bank, and for an insurance agency. For six years he was manager and treasurer for the city of Hazard, Kentucky.

Through his friendship with Sophia Sutton Begley and her family, he was instrumental in securing the property given in 1954 for Sophia Sutton Assembly near Prentiss.

He and Mrs. Lane, the former Eunice Rogers of Newhebron, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary four years ago.

He was an ardent flower gardener, and one of his hobbies, especially while still working, was the planning of special dinners. He was the originator of the Baptist Building's traditional covered dish Thanksgiving dinner.

In an interview at the time of his retirement, he said that his heart's desire had always been "to serve the Lord humbly and wholeheartedly and to give to everyone a spirit of cooperation."

Plan Charismatic Meeting

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convention, or the Southern Baptist Convention," the pastors said.

"Our coming together will not be to conduct business or promote any person or organization, they said. "Our sole purpose is to look into the Word of God and preach the simple gospel of Jesus Christ."

Representatives of all five churches told Baptist Press the churches will continue to be Southern Baptist and support the denomination through its Cooperative Program unified budget.

The pastors said the idea for the conference, which will be built around a theme of "Liberty in the

Spirit," was not originated by any one pastor, but had evolved out of their participation in regional charismatic Southern Baptist conferences.

The first two such regional gatherings were held at Trinity Baptist Church, Louisville, in Nov., 1974, and Feb. 1975, Lamberth said.

The three regional conferences, according to Lamberth and Brandon, drew some 500 on the first occasion, 750 on the second occasion and over 850 on the third occasion.

As a result of their participation in these regional conferences, the pastors said, "We decided to get our heads together and plan a national conference."

They said they believe that their charismatic practices are in no way "un-Baptist" as claimed by local Baptist associations which have "disfellowshipped" charismatic congregations.

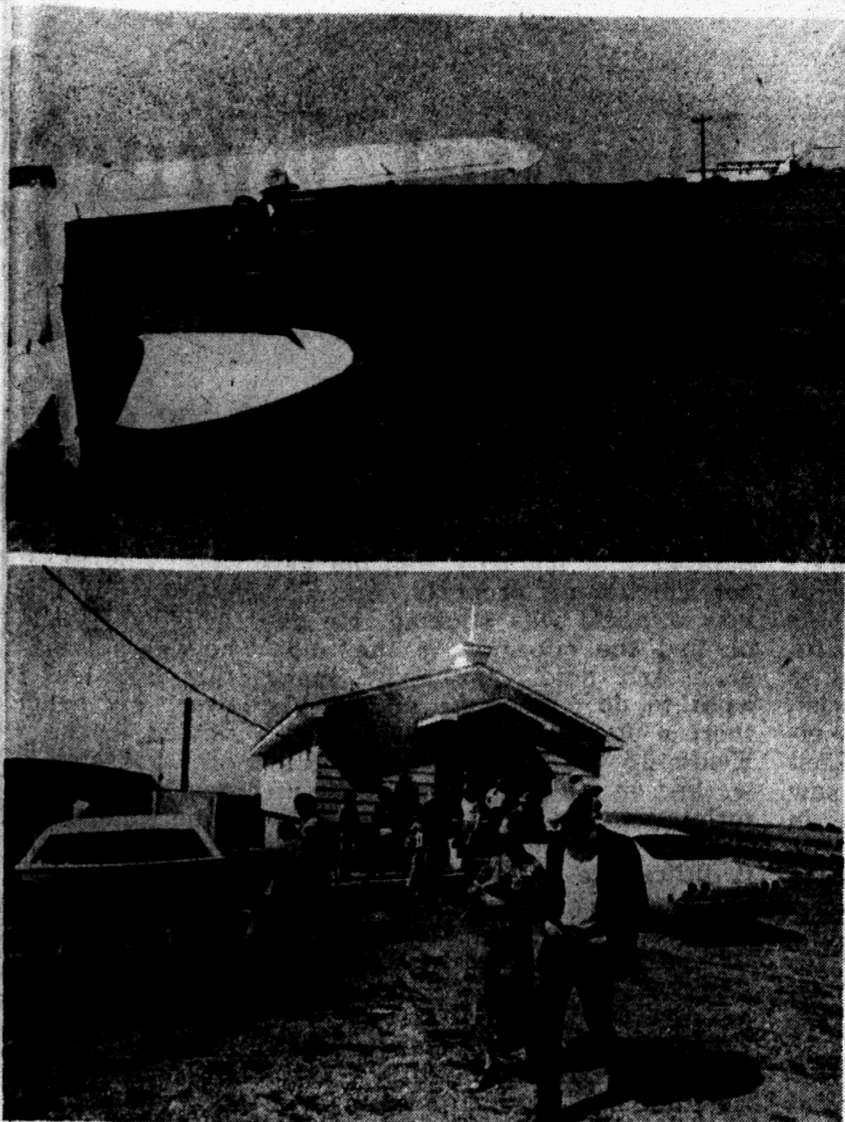
As evidence, they pointed to "The Baptist Faith and Message," a statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963, designed "to set forth certain teachings which we believe."

Under the heading "God and the Holy Spirit," the statement notes: "The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God . . . He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church . . ."

Citing this passage, the pastors noted that nothing in the statement excludes the spiritual gifts of speaking in tongues and healing.

They said Baptists who oppose the charismatic movement base their opposition on "Baptist tradition," not Holy Scripture.

"We intend to remain loyal, dedicated, practicing Southern Baptists so long as the current 'Baptist Faith and Message' is unchanged," the pastors stated.



Flying To Church

HERFORD, S. D. — In the cities, people walk or take a bus to church, while in the suburbs, they drive. But in the plains of South Dakota, rancher Marv Carruthers and his wife have found a unique way to go to church each week—they fly. The couple found it difficult to attend their church on Sunday mornings because the roads were rough and the distance long, requiring an hour and a half drive each way. So when Mr. Carruthers purchased a small airplane for his ranch operations, they began flying to church — only a 15-minute trip — and landing in a field near the Herford Community Baptist Church.

In the top photo, the Carruthers walk from their parked plane to the church a few hundred yards away. Below, they leave the small rural church after services. The plane has enabled them to be very active members of the congregation. — Religious News Service Photo

Search For Non-Resident Baptists Is Continued

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should then follow-up visiting the new family and reporting back to the other church by using half of the "Hello Baptists Information Card" prepared for such a report, Washburn indicated.

Other churches will prefer to send the "Hello Baptists Information Cards" directly to the Hello Baptists Desk at 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, TN 37224.

Cards received by the Hello Baptists Desk will be divided according to states and sent to the Sunday School secretary of the appropriate state convention. State Sunday School secretaries will divide the cards by associations and distribute to directors of associational missions.

Directors of associational missions then will take the cards and share the information with churches near the home of the newly located Baptists.

Regardless which option a church selects, mailing the cards to another church or to the Hello Baptists Desk, preliminary preparations in local Baptist churches must be made for the plan to be successful, Washburn continued.

Churches participating in "Hello Baptists" need to compile a list of all non-resident members, complete with pertinent family information and the latest address he said.

Where no address is available in church records, help from church members should be enlisted through church bulletins or mail-outs to discover current addresses of nonresident members, he added.

Responsibility for initiating and

conducting the project should be pinpointed in the local church. The assignment may be to an individual or a team. Persons likely to have special interest in this project are the pastor, minister of education, Sunday School director or outreach director, church training director, church clerk or senior adults, he declared.

Washburn called "Hello Baptists" a "tremendous opportunity to bring many nonresident members into a closer relationship with the Lord through Bible study with God's people and into active membership in a local church."

Recently 685 family information cards were sent to state convention offices by the Hello Baptists Desk. A current church training emphasis presently is providing a new influx of cards to the Hello Baptists Desk. "Hopefully, many more cards soon will be distributed across the Southern Baptist Convention carrying the message that nonresident members have not been forgotten," Washburn said.

New Mexico Baptists Elect Bowe

TUCUMCARI, N. M. (BP) — Messengers to the Baptist Convention of New Mexico annual session voted a record \$888,207 budget and re-elected C. L. Bowe Jr., a San Jon, N. M., rancher, as president.

The convention also voted to change the name of its state mission board to state executive board. E. J. Bradshaw, a Los Alamos, N. M., pastor, was elected president of the board.

The messengers earmarked \$248,698 of their budget to go for worldwide mission causes through the Southern Baptist Convention's Cooperative Program unified budget.

Next year, the convention will meet, Nov. 9-11, in Carlsbad, N. M.

If you spend more time looking up, you'll spend less time feeling down.—ME

J. E. Lane, Former Business Manager For BR, Dies At 77

James Ellis (Jimmy) Lane, 77, of 450 East Ridgway, Jackson, died early Sunday, November 9, at St. Dominic's Hospital in Jackson. Funeral services were held at Baldwin Chapel, Robinson Road, Jackson, on Tuesday, November 11, at 2 p.m. Rev. Lewis W. Martin, Decatur, Ga., Dr. Joe T. Odle, and Dr. Wayne Coleman officiated. Interment was at Lakewood Memorial Park.

Mr. Lane worked for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board from 1942 until his retirement in late 1963. From 1950 through 1963 he was business manager for the Baptist Record.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Eunice Rogers Lane, Jackson; two daughters, Miss Leonora E. Lane and Mrs. James T. (Wilma) Harris, both of Jackson; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Lane was born in Newhebron in Lawrence County, son of L. M. and Susie Chapman Lane, the youngest of five children. He graduated from Newhebron schools, attended Mississippi College for two years and graduated from Bowling Green Business University, majoring in accounting.

He was a member of Woodland Hills Baptist Church, Jackson, where he had served as Sunday school director and where he was treasurer of the building fund and member of the building committee during construction of the present building.

He was ordained a deacon in 1930 at Hazard, Kentucky.

Mr. Lane retired October 31, 1963. He began his work with the Bookkeeping Department of the Convention Board in 1942, keeping records on the NOW Club, a debt reduction campaign, and on the Ministers' Retirement Plan.

In 1950 he was elected treasurer of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board; in connection with that position he became business manager of the Baptist Record. In a division of responsibilities, after 1953 he retained only the duties of the Baptist Record business manager and the superintendency of the Record's Mailing Department.

From 1950 until his retirement at the end of 1963, the Baptist Record circulation grew from 65,000 to 98,000.

Men Hear President, Physician, Satirist

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described the conditions brought about by crucifixion that caused the flow of blood and water.

In explaining the divinity and the humanity of Jesus Dr. Dunavant said His birth was not miraculous. "The miracle took place at the conception."

Marvin Graham, Mount Oliver banker, was elected president of the conference. He succeeds Dr. Howard Carpenter, a professor at Northwest Junior College, who has been president the past two years.

McBride is a former educational director who has found an active career in satirizing Baptist life in a comedy setting. There was a hardly a dry eye from the laughter in the fellowship hall at Parkway Church as he entertained following the annual banquet.

He is from Jacksonville, Texas. Much of his satire comes from

putting humorous words to familiar tunes under such titles as "Tip-Toe Through the Tithers" and "I'm Beginning to Sound a Lot Like Criswell." The squeaky voice used for satire changes to a rich baritone, however, as he draws his performance to a close with a serious message and a song also written by himself, also with a serious message, and his own tune.

Rev. Elmer Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, presided at the banquet meeting. Dr. Carpenter presided at the meeting following the banquet. Graham, the new president, was in Switzerland for a bankers' meeting. He was also first vice-president of the Mississippi Baptist Convention but was unable to be present.

During the afternoon leadership conferences were held sponsored by the Brotherhood Department.

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EDITORIAL

The Touch Of The Master's Hand

Many times in my life I have heard, and even have told, the story of a great musician who was playing an instrument that was out of tune, but who, because of his skill, was able to produce beautiful music. The story has been used as an illustration of how that Christ, as the Master artist, is able to effectively use a broken life. Last week more than 2,000 people saw the incident actually happen in Jackson.

The occasion was a concert being given by world renowned concert pianist, Van Cliburn, under the auspices of Mississippi College, as a part of its Sesquicentennial observance. It was held in the Jackson city auditorium.

During the first part of the concert it was discovered by the artist that one of the keys of the Steinway grand was not functioning properly.

At the intermission a technician was brought in to repair the instrument. He went so far as to take the entire key-board section of the piano off stage to work on it.

When Mr. Cliburn returned to

begin the second part of the concert he discovered during the first number that not only was the key not functioning properly, but also now a pedal was sticking. He explained the situation to the audience, and said, "I hardly know what to do." Then he added, "Is there a piano tuner in the house?" Evidently the technician who had worked on the instrument at the intermission had left.

The artist seemed to be finding it difficult to decide on whether to continue the concert. After a moment he said that he would attempt to continue, but that he was omitting the next scheduled number because of its difficulty.

He sat down and began to play, and once again beautiful music filled the hall. Had he not told us of the problem, most of us with untrained musical ears might not have known of the difficulty.

When the program had been completed, the audience gave ovation after ovation, two of them standing, with long continuing applause. After the second such response he played

the number which previously had been omitted.

It was a memorable musical event, fully revealing the skill and artistry of the pianist, even when he was playing upon an instrument that was less than perfect. Moreover, his gracious spirit was revealed in the way he handled an embarrassing situation. Only a great artist could or would have done what Van Cliburn did and the audience will never forget the occasion.

What a reminder this is of what God can do with our imperfect lives. The Lord has to work through us, and often we are poorly functioning instruments in His hands. Yet, because of His love and His power, He can take the broken keys and sticking pedals of our lives, and through them still produce glorious music for the world to hear.

There is no excuse for any of us not to be used. He can take our shortcomings and use them for His glory. We simply need to yield our lives as instruments in the Master's hands.



Guest Editorial

Family Viewing Time

By Harry N. Hollis, Jr.

Director of Family and Special Moral Concerns

Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The exploitation of sex and violence on television is a continuing national disgrace. When are the American people going to get relief from the serious problem of morally irresponsible television programming?

This fall the networks began a family viewing time, a period of two hours of programs which television network officials have deemed appropriate for general family viewing. How shall we evaluate this innovation? Does the family viewing time deal adequately with the problem of the exploitation of sex and violence on television? No. Absolutely not.

On May 22 of this year the staff of the Christian Life Commission was invited to present testimony before a public hearing on immoral television programming. At this hearing we asked if the family viewing time was an attempt to turn out attention from the other hours on television. We asked what the networks were going to do to clean up the exploitation during these other hours. Now that the new season has begun, these questions are more relevant and more pressing than ever.

Before we allow the networks to lead us in songs of praise for the so-called family viewing time, let us look at what is really happening. We are still bombarded by abnorm-

al presentations of sex, sadistic depictions of violence, dirty jokes, and gross profanity. The networks are still offering the American people so-called entertainment in which human beings are tortured, wounded, raped, whipped, punched, knifed, hanged, beaten, sliced, jabbed, shot, maimed, and murdered.

What we need from the networks is not the subterfuge of family viewing time; we need social responsibility. The family viewing time appears to improve some programming for two hours, but it may be attempting to deceive us by drawing our attention from the frequently unhealthy programs during the other hours.

The key point is this: The networks should regulate themselves in order to behave themselves as responsible, civilized guests in the homes of the American people. The record plainly indicates that the networks have not done this. They are not doing it now. They are going just as far as they can in presenting the exploitation of sex, alcohol and drug abuse, and violence. To see the family viewing time as a solution to the problem of unwholesome television programming is to fall into the trap of listening to what the network businesses are claiming for themselves instead of looking at what the networks are actually showing.

The family viewing time scheme it appears was worked out behind closed doors by the Federal Communications Commission and the network officials. Evidently there

was no public input in the decision to set it up. The FCC is supposed to be representing the American people; yet, it will not even hold hearings to deal with the just complaints of the people about social and morally irresponsible television programming. Here is another tragic example of a fact that a federal agency is insensitive to the American people it is supposed to serve. Here is another example of the regulator representing the regulatee instead of the public to whom it is supposed to be responsible.

According to news reports, a recent Neilson poll shows that at 9:30 at night, there are still 9.7 million children watching television. The family viewing time ends at 8:00 or 9:00 p.m., depending on where you are in the country (a curious inconsistency in itself). What about the programming for these millions of children who are still watching television when the family viewing time is past?

The air waves belong to the American people; and the networks must quit ignoring their moral responsibility to such a large audience of children.

Television is a wonderful technological development. At its best it should be celebrated; but let us not be enticed by that industry into apathy by the family viewing time scheme. The exploitation of sex and violence is worse than ever. It is increasing. The family viewing time is an inadequate solution to the serious problem of immoral television programming. We must have something far better.

On The MORAL SCENE...

FAMILY VIEWING CODE CRITICIZED — On April 8, during the National Association of Broadcasters' convention in Las Vegas, a rule was adopted requiring that programs telecast between the evening hours of 7 to 9 P.M. be appropriate for viewing by a general family audience. This policy, which was approved by the Federal Communications Commission, went into effect last month, and so far it has had some practical success. The U. S. Catholic Conference has made some thoughtful criticisms of the very concept of family viewing time. . . . The policy adopted in Las Vegas was drawn up without consulting either local broadcasters in affiliate stations or advocates of family interest. This suggests that commercial TV programming will continue to be dominated by the aim of delivering the largest possible audience for advertisers. Once the family viewing hours are over, the networks may think they are free to appeal, as the USCC put it, "to the alleged lowest common denominator of audience interest — smart comedy, crime, violence and sex." Television has become, the statement says, "the single most formative influence in shaping people's attitudes and values." But if this enormous potential is to be fully and usefully realized, something more effective than the family hour will be needed.

(America, p. 247, October 25, 1975)

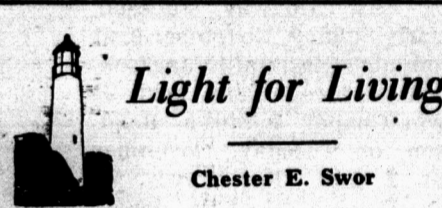
BRAND-NAME DRUGS — A preliminary report prepared for the Food and Drug Administration analyzing 19 ingredients commonly used in sleep-aid products, sedatives and stimulants sold without prescription, has found that only one — caffeine — is unqualifiedly safe and effective for over-the-counter sale. . . . Sleep aids . . . had estimated sales last years of \$34,200,000. (By John M. Goshko, Washington Post Staff Writer)

STARTLING REVELATIONS ON ECONOMICS — A nationwide public opinion poll conducted by Hart Research Associates for the Peoples Bicentennial Commission this summer has come up with the following key findings: One out of three Americans believes that our capitalist system is on the decline. 57% of the public agree with the statement that both the Democratic and Republican parties are in favor of big business rather than the average worker, while only 35% disagree. 58% of the public believe that America's major corporations tend to dominate and determine the actions of our public officials in Washington, while only 25% believe that public officials in Washington tend to dominate and determine the actions of America's major corporations. 49% of the public agree that big business is the source of most of what is wrong in this country today, while 45% disagree. 49% of the public feel that it would do more good than harm to develop a political movement to challenge the influence of big business, while 39% feel it would do more harm than good. (Grapevine, Vol. 7, No. 2, July 1975)

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Birthright For Pottage?

Some times in our own experiences or from the experiences of others we come to realize that some things to which people give their best efforts are not, in the long run, the things they most deeply want — or in achieving the things sought with life effort, they have found that they missed the more satisfying and gratifying gifts of life.

For instance, a man in another country had longed to hold a winning ticket in a national tax-free lottery. Time after time he bought lottery tickets and hoped and hoped. Eventually he won a quarter of a million dollars through the lottery. He had achieved the goal for which he had striven. But, read on!

Soon thereafter, his son was kidnapped by someone who knew of this newly acquired fortune. As put over against the life of his son, the money now seemed meaningless. Therefore, he offered the entire amount he had won for the safe return of his son.

Many others, doubtless, have given their lives almost slavishly to the accomplishment of goals of money, advancement, fame, and other "rewards"; but, in giving themselves so totally to the achievement of those goals they have neglected the more enduring and satisfying ties with family, friends, church, and community. With the goals finally achieved, they discovered a great emptiness of life, because love, friendship, understanding, admiration, and acceptance by their own families did not come to them.

It is so true that we do not need to elaborate that anyone who substitutes the getting of gold for the doing of God's will, anyone who substitutes expediency for principle, anyone who substitutes dishonesty for honor in any of his relationships with fellowman, anyone who substitutes the achievement of prestige for the achievement of the respect of his own heart and the peace of his own mind must inevitably find that in the getting of what he sought, he lost what his better self actually desired and needed.

A mighty good prayer for all of us is this one: "O, God, help us to know and honor life's highest values, and deliver us from shallow, selfish, short-sighted living, for the better self within us does not want to emulate Esau's selling of a birthright for a mess of pottage." (Published by special arrangement with Dr. Chester Swor, 802 Whitworth Street, Jackson, Mississippi)

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AN OUTLINED STUDY OF HOSEA by L. E. Green (L. E. Green, 4507 Fort St. Pascagoula, Ms. 39567, paper, 40 pp., \$1.00 at convention; \$1.50 by mail) As he has done for many years Dr. L. E. Green has prepared an "outlined study" of the Bible book to be used in the SBC January Bible study. He calls Hosea the "great Old Testament Prophet of God's Love", and in the opening chapter presents a scholarly, yet down-to-earth study of the meaning of the love of God. This is followed by a full outline of the book of Hosea, and an introductory chapter which presents important information concerning the prophet, his times, his ministry, and the book. After this comes the chapter by chapter, verse by verse, word by word study of the book. Dr. Green has done much research and the study includes numerous quotations. One of the strongest points in the studies is the careful analysis of the meaning of words which are used. This helps to clarify the prophet's message. A bibliography lists the many books used in preparing the study.

HOSEA: GOD'S SAVING LOVE by Hardy R. Denham, Jr. (Hardy R. Denham Jr., First Baptist Church, Newton, Miss., paper, 24 pp., \$1.50) A book of messages on the book of Hosea, to be used in connection with the SBC January Bible Study in 1976. After an introduction and a two page full outline of the book, the author provides a section by section exposition of the book. There are three major sections: The Introduction, The Story of a Marriage, and The Sermons of the Messenger. The material is carefully organized and clearly outlined. The book will be very valuable to the teacher or preacher who is preparing to present messages or studies of the

book, and will be helpful to the Bible student looking for material to help him understand and interpret the book.

THE WORD MADE FLESH by John Bisagno (Word, 128 pp., \$4.95) A series of twenty-two expositions of the first 18 verses of the Gospel of John. These are rich, meaningful messages that exalt the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, coming to earth in human flesh in the redemptive purposes of God. Dr. Bisagno is pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas, and one of the most widely used preachers and writers among Southern Baptists.

ANGELS, ANGELS, ANGELS — God's Secret Agents by Billy Graham (Doubleday, 175 pp., \$4.95) Billy Graham's long awaited new book on Angels. Few books have been written on angels, and when Dr. Graham discovered this, he decided to write one. In fifteen chapters he presents a careful study of all of the Bible's revelation concerning angels. Here one learns of their origin, their purpose, their ministry, and of their relationships to men. There is a study of Satan and fallen angels. Chapters deal with angels and "judgement", the gospel, in prophecy, death, and ministries in the life of Jesus. Several chapters deal with the ministries of angels to Christians, and the last chapter is on the relationship of angels to our lives today. The book is thoroughly Biblical, and we predict that it will become a valuable reference book on the subject.

THE OPEN BIBLE — King James Version (Thomas Nelson, several bindings from hardcover at \$12.95, to Water Buffalo leather at \$38.95) Announcement of this Bible calls it "the most complete

KJV study Bible in 40 years." Twenty-three well known editors and scholars have contributed to the volume. There is a 293 page Cyclopedic Index with over 80,000 references, presents Scripture outlines on thousands of subjects, which should be of inestimable value in Bible study. There is a 106 page concordance. One of the most unusual and, we think, most valuable features is the provision of references and textual changes in small type at the end of each verse. The words of Jesus are in red letters. Other important sections include: How To Study the Bible; Introductions to divisions, and then to each book (These introductions are fuller than usually are found in such reference Bibles and provide much valuable information, plus an outline of the book); Between the Testaments; Harmony of the Gospels; Study Outlines and Notes on the Christian Life (These are presented in a special section, but also are included in a chain reference series for study of the Bible text.); Bible phrases of the Messiah; the English Bible; The Greatest Archeological Discoveries; Outline History of the Apostles; The Scarlet Thread of Redemption; A Guide to Christian Workers; The Laws of the Bible; 12 pages of colored maps, etc. Southern Baptists among the contributors and/or editors are Dr. W. A. Criswell; Dr. John Newport; Dr. Wayne E. Ward; and Dr. Robert G. Lee. The Bible is printed in easily read type, Bible paper, and is beautifully bound. We predict that this new volume will take its place among the most popular reference Bibles available today. It will provide for any pastor or lay Bible student, long hours, and even years, of rewarding Bible study. Nelson is one of the largest, or perhaps the largest publisher of Bibles in the world, and has made a

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there should be separation of the church from state control, and that the local congregation should be each a democracy in itself. In 1581, Brown was forced to flee, under threat of imprisonment and execution, to Middleburg, Zeland in the North Sea province of Holland. Before his death, the seeds of separation had been sown which furnished recruits for the ranks of believers soon to become known as Baptists.

Or we could speak of Dr. John Smyth, a physician who was also a Puritan preacher. He was an ardent reformer in the Church of England and finally was forced to flee with others of his persuasion to Holland. Here in contact with the Anabaptist Mennonites he was forced to study and define his position as to believer's baptism. He convinced himself and his followers that baptism should be voluntary and based upon ones accountable profession of faith in Jesus Christ. This group formed a church based on this and other principles of soul freedom. Smyth's foremost co-laborer, Thomas Helwys, and a few others formed a new small congregation of their own because of some disagreement on doctrines held by Jacobus Arminius. Helwys and his congregation returned to England in 1611 (incidentally, same year as publication of King James' Bible) to share in a "Baptist witness" there and if need be, imprisonment and martyrdom. In this year, they established themselves as a congregation of Baptist believers near the edge of London and proudly called their fellowship "Ye Baptiste Church." It was the first Baptist church on English soil and was the connecting link between the post-medieval builders and preservers of Baptist principle and the spiritual forefathers of modern Baptists who were soon to carry those principles to America where spiritual liberty would find ground for unlimited growth.

We could speak of early America and the critical issue with Baptists and religious liberty — of Roger Williams and William Screven and a host of other valiant, courageous prisoners. Virtually every Baptist historian of the U.S. has maintained that the people called Baptists have played a major role in shaping the attitude of the state toward the church — of religious liberty as opposed to state religion. The logical corollary of the doctrine of religious liberty is the principle of the separation of church and state. The primary contribution of Baptists to the history of this country has been their persistent advocacy of religious liberty. It is also a well established, documented fact that early Baptist leaders made a notable contribution to the hammering out of the First Amendment to the Constitution with its guarantee of religious freedom.

We could talk of a group of South Carolina Baptists, great patriots, from whence came the Curtis family to establish their homes on Cole's Creek, about 20 miles above Natchez — about their hazardous journey on flatboats down the rivers to their new home and about their battles with the Indians, the elements and with the authorities in the pioneer area. We could tell of their historic meeting in October, 1791, to found a small Baptist church composed of a tiny band of dedicated, unnoticed people beginning a movement that would eventually bring more than one-fourth of the citizens of Mississippi into its membership.

In the 200 years since the founding of this nation, we have moved from the position of a persecuted, scorned, sect to the largest protestant denomination in America. In many parts of the country, we have even become socially respectable. Perhaps we are even captives of our culture, uncritical advocates of and defenders of the status quo. Some have believed so.

Today we need to know who we are. We need to remember that we came from poor people, despised people. Generally speaking, we were on the lowest rung of the ladder. The matchless Charles Spurgeon's mother, upon learning that he was of Baptist persuasion said, "Oh, Charles, I have often prayed that you might be saved, but never that you should become a Baptist." Whereupon Mr. Spurgeon replied, "God has answered your prayer, mother, with his usual bounty, and given you more than you asked." Who are we? NOW. We Mississippi Baptists are one half million plus people who believe in the Book, who are committed to freedom: individual, church, denominational, and who are bound together in a mission that will not let us go. This Mission is the cohesive element in our existence and is the moving force in our

purpose for being add ought to surmount almost any other differences we have.

Today, we need to remember who we are and to be aware that we have a heritage to be proud of!

II. What are we trying to do? It's obvious that we are trying to do something. A 7.3 million dollar budget is an eloquent testimony to this. It is entirely possible that we can get our motives and directions mixed up, but we are trying. A fine man of my acquaintance retired a few years ago. After some months of inactivity, he decided to do what some of his contemporaries had done — to join a health club. He told one of his daughters of his decision and said "I'm going over there every day and get in shape." She replied, "In shape for what?" Incidentally, he told me after he thought about it, he didn't know "for what" and decided against it.

So I look at all of this and ask again, what are we trying to do? Amazingly, as I have looked and probed, I have honestly concluded that we are trying to do what the Lord told us to do, and to be God's people in our place. His directions were simple, but the implications are broad, big, and deep. He said that we are to:

(1) tell the good news. As I understand this, it concerns the mercy and love of God, the atoning death of Jesus Christ, the victory over death, the empty tomb, the new birth, the renewing power of the Holy Spirit, the winning of people to Jesus.

(2) We are trying to teach and to train ourselves and our people about being a certain way, about living a special kind of life, serving as God leads us.

A budget is a great indication of a direction. A glance at the Mississippi Baptist Convention budget convinces me that the things involved there are indeed a part of the mission.

What could be more necessary now than Christian Education? Our colleges are dedicated to the proposition of developing Christian citizens in the middle of academic pursuits. I am ready to testify that I believe the extra plus received on a Christian College campus is worth everything we put into it. The hospital ministry, the Children's Village, the Commissions, the Board, all fall into the category of "teaching them to observe." Our Convention Board structure, the best, I believe, that we have ever had, is geared and pointed in all of its effort, toward winning, developing, teaching, training, sending. Our new thrust, revealed in this year's budget, of sending more and more of our money to SBC causes and thus over the world, fits into the Lord's commandment, too.

We Christians are easily diverted from doing God's will. Satan can conjure up any number of minor issues to keep us preoccupied and unable to come to grips with the plain teaching of the Book concerning our mission. The editor of Decision magazine reports that one denomination is spending four times as much money publishing its minutes as it is on evangelism! Friends, if an issue deals directly with our involvement in this Commission, if it affects our own part in passing out this Good News, let's deal with it; if not, let's lay it on the table and take up the next item of business. I honestly believe that we're trying to do just this, and I thank God for it!

III. How's the best way to go about it? How can we fill our slot, now? It may not be the same way as last year, or next year. That day on the mountain when Jesus had preached and the people got restless and hungry, the disciples said, "It's time to quit for now. Send them away, Lord, and let them get something to eat." Jesus answered this with, "No, you feed them." I keep on hearing him say that we can't pass the buck at this point. The haunting cries of the world are most assuredly our concern. How can we best do the task that he has for us now?

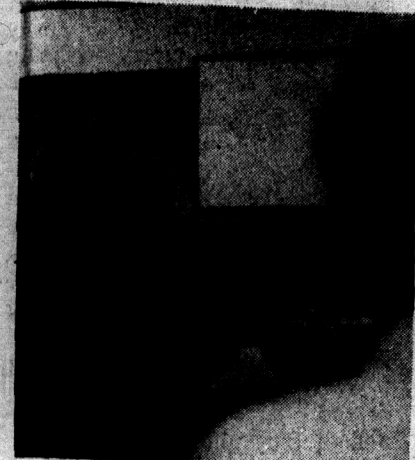
Could I suggest just one thought? I believe that we can discover flaws in our directions, avenues of new direction, and attitudes and energy and money and people to accomplish whatever he has for us if we live and walk in a spirit that I like to call the spirit of OPENNESS. For me, this means that we are open to God. When we are really open to Him, this brings our spirit in line with His spirit and sweetens us, tempers us, and causes whatever we do to bear His stamp. When we are open to Him, priorities get straightened out, directions become clear, power becomes available. It means too, when we're open to God, that we are open to every person on the face of the earth who needs us — from our local churches and people there who



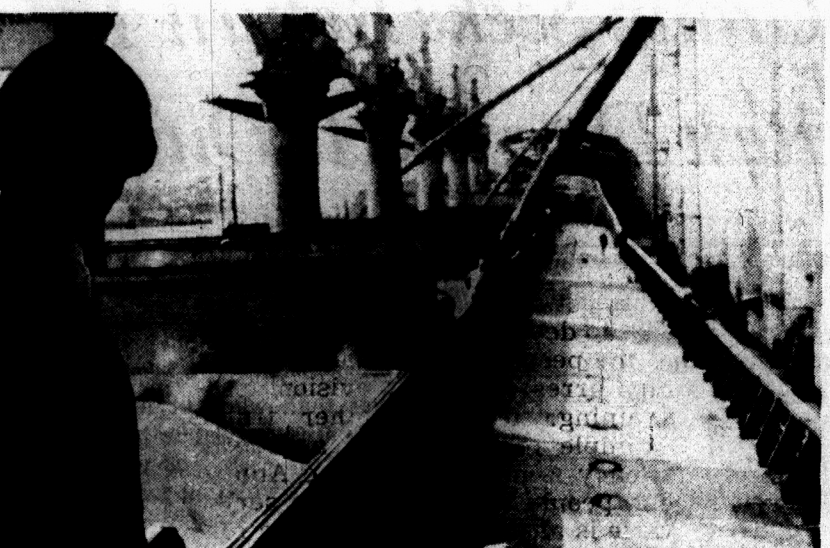
They may not have been acquainted, but the common bond of a common language made this gathering almost akin to a homecoming.



A mother and daughter join in preparing a meal for the Vietnamese fellowship held recently at First Church, Pascagoula. They are Nguyen Hoa, left, the daughter, and Nguyen Tham, the mother. The Cooperative Missions Department of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board furnished the food.



Lewis Myers, former missionary to Vietnam who is now working with the Home Mission Board on a "loan" basis, spoke to the group in Vietnamese; and a Vietnamese film was shown on the prodigal Son.



Paul Vandercook of the language missions work takes a look down the length of a ship as grain is being loaded aboard.



The fellowship continued on Sunday morning with tea and cookies were served just before a worship service in Vietnamese.



Paul Vandercook, at left, visits with a group of sailors on board a Norwegian vessel.



Sam Kinsolving, left, is a coordinator of Indians affairs in the Pascagoula area. Paul Vandercook, language missions worker on the Gulf Coast, talks with him about some of his Indian articles.



A young mother and her daughter attended the Saturday night meal and movie.

Foreign Missions Come To Mississippi

By Don McGregor

The Vietnamese refugee situation has added a new dimension to an already multi-faceted language missions ministry of Mississippi Baptists along the Gulf Coast.

Two young men and two directors of associational missions are pooling their thoughts, ideas, and efforts to find ways of sharing the gospel of Christ with people from nations all over the world who regularly find themselves for one reason or another on Mississippi's Gulf Coast.

One of the most recent efforts has been a sort of retreat for Vietnamese transplants who have just begun to assimilate themselves into the American society there. It was held at First Baptist Church, Pascagoula.

Paul Vandercook is the quietly dynamic language missions minister in the two associations along the coast. He works out of the offices of both Rev. Zeno Wells, director of missions in Jackson County Association, and Rev. J. W. Brister, the director in Gulf Coast Association.

Rev. Rodney Webb coordinates the work of language missions all over the state as an associate in the Department of Cooperative Missions of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board. Dr. Foy Rogers is director of the department.

The retreat at First Church,

Pascagoula, attracted Vietnamese from the complete length of the Gulf Coast. For a dinner on Saturday evening there were some 46 Vietnamese present who had come from Pascagoula to Pass Christian. Preparations had been made for a total of 50, but including Americans and the children of American ex-servicemen who married Vietnamese wives, there were about 65.

It made no difference to the Vietnamese. They simply moved closer together, brought in more chairs, and shared the food.

Three ex-servicemen were there with their Vietnamese wives and their children. Two Vietnamese wives were there who had been in this country four and five years. One had a small daughter with her. The others were in Mississippi straight from the resettlement camps, mostly from Eglin Air Force Base.

They had not all known each other before, but it didn't take long to get acquainted. One of the ex-servicemen said, as he watched the group with interest, "It's just like old home week."

The Vietnamese weren't interested in eating for awhile. They gathered in a group at one end of the hall and joyfully talked, almost all at the same time, in their native language.

The meal was cooked by a Vietnamese woman and her two daughters who had not been in the

United States long. The woman was in complete control of the situation. About the only concession she made to American customs was that she didn't use the floor for much of the preparation of the food. She could speak no English. Her daughters were able to translate to some extent.

There had been a schedule, but that was lost on the Vietnamese. They were interested in visiting the others who were there, and the Americans wisely let this interest run its course. Paul Vandercook simply made himself available, as did Fran Vandercook. They let the Vietnamese be in charge.

There were very few Christians in the group, and the purpose, in addition to providing a "homecoming" for Vietnamese, was to share the gospel. Finally the meal, which was provided by Mississippi Baptists, was over, and the Rev. Lewis Myers, missionary to Vietnam until the fall of the nation, shared the gospel in what one of the English-speaking refugees described as flawless Vietnamese. He showed a movie on the prodigal son made in Vietnam with Vietnamese actors in the Vietnamese language.

Following the movie the visiting began again.

The Saturday evening attendance was the largest for the retreat. There had also been a meal on Friday evening and a message without the movie. There was another message on Sunday morning. Rev. Myers was the speaker on each occasion.

The ministry among the Vietnamese is only a part of the efforts of Rev. Vandercook along the coast. He is continually meeting ships that come into the ports at Pascagoula and Gulfport and making contact with sailors from all over the world. He can't speak the languages of all of them, but somehow he manages to present a testimony to many of them. He goes on board the ships to speak to some who speak English and give out New Testaments to all who will take them. He organizes sports events between ships and lines up churches to act as hosts for a weekend.

He is trying to set up a permanent seaman's center that could serve the ministry in a more effective way.

A third phase of Vandercook's ministry is with American Indians who have come to the Gulf Coast

to work, most of them in the ship building industry. He is quietly and patiently making headway with the gospel among people who are not particularly interested at first in what he has to tell them.

In their language missions ministry, Mississippi Baptists are literally sending the gospel into all the world.

The world literally is coming to Mississippi's front door. Some of those who come represent those who were here when Columbus arrived. Some of those who come represent those who were here when Columbus arrived. Others come and stay for one reason or another. Many others come to Mississippi on freighters and are in the business of going to a new port in the world where there is shipping business to be done.

As they cruise the seas to foreign ports in a multitude of nations they carry with them a witness provided by Mississippi Baptists.

Other internationals come to Keesler Air Force Base at Biloxi to train under American instructors, and Rev. Vandercook finds ways of presenting the gospel to as many of these as possible.

Truly, the world comes to Mississippi's doorstep, and then Mississippi sends the gospel into all the world as these visitors return to their homelands.

Osyka Burns

Building Note

Osyka Church on Oct. 26 burned the note on their pastorum. This brick house with its four bedrooms, three baths, central air and heat, and carpet was built in 1970.

The building committee was made up of the following: Mr. & Mrs. David Alford, Jerry Craft, Mrs. Garland McManus, and Mr. & Mrs. Percy Strickland. The seven year loan was paid off in five years and 9 months, according to Rev. Drew D. Blanton, pastor.

NASSAU, Bahamas — A Baptist youth congress was conducted by the Baptist Young People's Fellowship of the Bahamas National Baptist Convention with over 300 registering, here recently. The theme was "Encounter Christ — Share." The daily week-long conference covered a total of 12 subjects taught by 20 teachers.

Names In The News

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, Jackson, was a fraternal guest at a dinner in Dallas observing the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Texas Baptist Christian Life Commission. Mississippi was the second state in the Convention with a similar work, the Christian Action Commission being formed in 1964. Other Mississippi guests were Dr. and Mrs. Edwin McNeely of Newton. Dr. James M. Dunn, executive secretary of the Texas Commission, is a son-in-law of Dr. McNeely.

Betty Lewis Walker was featured as "Employee of the Month" for October in "The Crossgate Post," monthly newspaper published at Crossgate Manor, near Brandon. Mrs. Walker, former employee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, is patient activities director at the nursing home. A Starkville native, she is a graduate of Mississippi State.

Mrs. Carolyn Roberson has joined the staff of First Church, Tupelo, as pastor's secretary. Rev. Bill T. Nimmons is the pastor.



Mrs. Alice Orman, center, and Mrs. Nora Orman, right, have both taught Sunday School at Pine Grove Church (Benton) for 25 years. On October 12, Pine Grove gave a tea in honor of these two, for their outstanding service. Each has taught in the Sunday School since it was organized in 1950, and both retired in September this year. Rev. Clyde V. Thompson, pastor, is shown presenting plaques of appreciation.

Everett Sollie has assumed the position of minister of music and youth at First Church, Belzoni. Mr. Sollie graduated from Clarke College and Mobile College. He attended New Orleans Seminary and has obtained a number of hours on his Master's degree. He married Cathy Knight of Noxapater, on June 7, 1975 while he was minister of music at Noxapater Church. The pastor at Belzoni is Rev. Jasper P. Neel, Jr.



Gary Mayo, left, has received a 12-year Sunday School pin, and Darnell Jenkins, right, has received a 19-year attendance pin at Hollywood Church, Sledge. Rev. David Norris, center, is their pastor.



Glenn Shows has accepted the call to Centerville Church as minister of music and youth. Native of Brookhaven and Mars Hill, he is a graduate of Clarke College and Louisiana College. For the past two years he has worked with Home Mission Board's U.S.-2, in Nevada. Mr. Shows is attending New Orleans Seminary and will be in Centerville on weekends.

John D. Chunn and Clark Orman were ordained as deacons at Pine Grove Church (Benton) on October 19. Those on program at the ordination service were Rev. E. A. Autry; Rev. Clyde V. Thompson, Pine Grove pastor; Rev. Harry K. Phillips, county superintendent of missions; and Rev. Jackie Yow, Walnut pastor.

Rev. Leland Hogan, pastor of Cartersville Church, Petal, reports that the following have received attendance pins, for perfect attendance above five years: Ella Ruth Smith, 15 years; Rebecca Hatten, nine years; Shelby Tims, five years.

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Larry Driskell was recently ordained as a deacon at First Church, Union. Gwen Shelton presented special music for the ordination service. Rev. Douglas White is pastor.



Rev. J. E. Sims has been called as associate pastor in charge of music and youth of East End Church, Columbus. Pictured are Mr. Sims, wife Cherry, and son Jay. The Sims family moved to East End from First, Verona. He has served in churches in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida.

Bill Pace has received a Sunday School pin for five years perfect attendance at Pine Forest Church, Lauderdale County. Five years ago the church started keeping attendance records, in a program initiated by Rev. Harold Lollar, pastor.



Rev. Harold Lollar, pastor, Jessie Ponds, Sunday School director and deacon, presented pins to Bill and to three others with perfect records for less than five years.

Benny Thompson has accepted the pastorate of Peach Creek Church, Panola County. From Starkville, he previously served as pastor of two churches in Mississippi. He is a second-year student at Mid-America Seminary, Memphis, Tennessee. He and his wife, Cindy, have one son, Ron.

Kathy Joiner, church organist and Sunday School teacher at Mt. Gilead Church, Lauderdale County, recently received an attendance pin for nineteen years of perfect attendance in Sunday School. Lois M. Knight, Sunday School director, presented the pin to her and to four others (with records for less than five years.) Dr. J. E. Davis is pastor.

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Group Seeks Return To Rest Day; Elects Director

NASHVILLE (BP) — Representatives of 14 denominations explored "The Lord's Day in Contemporary Culture" at a two-day "Consultation '75" conference, sponsored by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, and elected a new executive director for the Alliance.

James P. Wesberry, 69, pastor emeritus of Moringside Baptist Church, Atlanta, a Southern Baptist congregation, was named to succeed Marion G. Bradwell, a Presbyterian from Atlanta, who will retire, Jan. 1, 1976, after 18 years as the body's top executive.

The Lord's Day Alliance, organized in 1888, is an interdenominational group "dedicated to the support and strengthening of the institution of the Lord's Day as a day of unique religious significance."

Wesberry, who has spent 49 years in the ministry, has served as pastor of Baptist churches in Georgia, South Carolina and Massachusetts and has been active in civic and denominational affairs. He is a current member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

During the two-day meeting, a battery of speakers and panelists confronted the realities of Lord's Day observance in secular culture and interacted with 125 registrants from 15 states, the District of Columbia, and Canada.

The group expressed a general consensus that the history of having a day of rest has played a big part in bringing the nation to the bicentennial and agreed that a way should be found to preserve the historic and religious tradition.

No consensus emerged on how to maintain and strengthen observance of a day of rest, as speakers and panelists took legal and economic approaches.

Harold Lindsell, editor of Christianity Today, called for legal action to establish a day of rest for secular as well as religious reasons.

"The Sabbath is God's day," Lindsell said. "But Jesus said that man who not made for the Sabbath. The Sabbath was made for man. It was part of God's natural revelation for man in nature itself."

He urged Christians to make the secular world aware of what God reveals through nature about the value of a day of rest, citing the need for rest and the need to preserve energy and other natural resources.

"Neither man nor machines can continue indefinitely without rest," he said. "During World War II, it was found that a seven-day week did not increase production. Men actually produce less in seven days, over the long haul, than they did when working six days and resting one day."

Further, Lindsell stated, "If the people of America were to get off the highways on Sunday alone, except for church attendance or genuine necessities, the energy crisis would be virtually solved. There is nothing to show that people will buy fewer goods because they could not buy on Sunday. If all stores and factories are closed on day, nobody is losing anything since none of their competitors will be open either."

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First, Biloxi, Uses Billboards

First Church, Biloxi, is making use of four billboards in various parts of the city. They design their own publicity ideas and an advertising company artist does the art work. Mose Dangerfield, minister of education, says, "We're well pleased with the quality of work and feel people are noticing them. We have no way of knowing just how effective they are. However, we feel they are keeping our area aware of our church." Rev. Frank Gunn is pastor.

Baptist Shows Hit Road For Bicentennial Salute

The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board is producing two road shows as part of its contribution to the Baptist Bicentennial Celebration.

An art-photo exhibit, "Faces of America" will tour 48 U. S. cities in the first eight months of 1976, beginning at the Freedom '76 meeting in San Antonio, Tex. And a musical drama team will perform the "Fabric of Freedom" in 20 cities, June through August, 1976.

The art-photo exhibit which will be shown primarily in shopping center malls, covers four facets of America — work, play, worship and love — with photographic and art representation of each. It will be in Jackson, Mississippi April 15-16, 1976. Local Baptist churches are being invited to contribute their artistic and photographic works while the exhibit is in their city. Photo identification and brochures given to visitors will be bilingual, in English and Spanish.

The musical drama is a 35-minute presentation of the tie between home missions and the development of the nation. Traveling with minimal props and sound system, the team will use churches, shopping centers, gymnasiums and parks as stages. The troupe will appear in Jackson, Mississippi August 2, 1976.

Both tours will be staffed by student semester missionaries — two for the art-photo exhibit and ten for the musical drama team.

Total travel for both groups will be an estimated 23,500 miles, with the art-photo exhibit covering 17,000 miles itself.

For those who wish to produce the musical with local talent, the script and score of "Fabric of Freedom" will be on sale at the Book Stores after Jan. 1, 1976.

Other HMB Bicentennial projects include a series of three one-minute television announcements relating Baptists to the development of the Nation. They are for purchase by local churches and associations who would obtain air time on local stations. At \$30 each, the video tapes must be ordered by November 1, 1975, and will be shipped in January 1976. Order through associational missions directors.

Biographies of outstanding and unusual home missionaries, and an Action Atlas '76, containing the routes of the musical drama and art-photo tours, plus lists of historical national shrines, Baptist points of interest and planned events of the Bicentennial year have also been produced and will be available after Jan. 1.

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Dear Mississippi Baptist Family,

I am under instructions from little children and young people to express, on their behalf, gratitude to individuals and private families who have been so good to them this year. My staff and I join the young members of Mississippi's most unusual "family" in extending warmest greetings at THANKSGIVING.

In 1975, you have encouraged us to open and commence operations at the first out-of-Jackson child care campus ever attempted by The Village — our beautiful rural campus on the Farrow Manor property in Tate County. You have continued to encourage us in the growing and deepening Christian child care program on our modern Jackson Campus, and you have helped us make this program one of the best in the nation in several respects. You have made it possible for us to sustain a good staff of trained, Christian social caseworkers and advising psychologists in order that our own Village group of foster homes can be continued, and in order for us to afford direction, counsel, emotional, moral and spiritual support to families who come to us in trouble. For all of this, my administration joins the staff and children at The Village in hearty thanks to you at this special season.

In another most practical matter, 1975 has been one of our more difficult years. We realize that the experience of your home and family must have been similar, because the difficulty which is our "big one", is money — inflated costs which we can neither predict nor control! I think it is my obligation to draw the attention of you, to whom we are closest and most grateful, to the great need of our children just now for cash gifts to the HOLIDAY FUND. I know God will continue to bless you, for I know you will continue to help us.

Respectfully,

Paul N. Nunnery
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Superintendent



Finding Strength In Serving God

By Wm. J. Falls
Genesis 39

Ralph Gaither came home in February, 1973, after more than seven years as a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. In his book *With God in a P. O. W. Camp* he tells the whole story: capture, pain, torture, hunger, boredom, torture, cold, loneliness. Once when he felt he had not held out long enough against his tortures, he went back to his cell to pray for patience and courage. He pleaded with God but realized that his attitude had not changed. He could not sleep but walked incessantly until he collapsed from exhaustion. He tried to bargain with God and expected some special sign. Slowly he began to realize that God gives out from his grace, and we receive in faith. "My life was changed. Whatever I might face, God would give me the strength to bear it honorably, for the rest of my life — whether



that life lasted a day or a normal span." The situations of Ralph and Joseph were different, but they found their strength in the same God.

The Lesson Explained TEMPTING THE TRUSTED OVERSEER (vv. 6b-9)

When Joseph went on the slave block in Egypt, he was bought by Potiphar, captain of Pharaoh's guard, and assigned to some work within the home. In some way, Potiphar noticed that Joseph was being blessed by God, and because of his apparent administrative skill, Joseph was made the overseer of the household and Potiphar's other property. Under Joseph's direction all of the Egyptian's enterprises prospered.

Verse 6 uses the same Hebrew words to describe Joseph's appearance that were used in 29:17 to describe Rachel, his mother. He was a good-looking young man, and Potiphar's wife noticed him. Very boldly she propositioned him. After all, to her he was only a slave; she assumed he had neither honor nor scruples. Besides, he ought to be flattered by her in-

vitiation. But Joseph refused.

Because Potiphar trusted him, Joseph felt a moral responsibility to his master, even though he was an Egyptian and Joseph had been sold into slavery. Those circumstances did not alter the moral obligation which Joseph felt. But even more: "It would be a great sin against God" (TLB). For Joseph there was a serious oughtness involved in his religious faith; the Lord accepted sacrifices, but he also expected right conduct. Just because Joseph was far from home, he was not far from his God.

TRICKED BY POTIPHAR'S WIFE (vv. 10-12)

But the woman did not give up; day after day she invited his company. Then on one day the two of them happened to be in the house alone, and she grabbed his long shirt and repeated her demand. Joseph moved so fast that he twisted out of the garment and left it in her hands. Then her desire turned to hatred, and she called to the other men of the household and claimed that Joseph had made a sexual advance. His shirt was her proof.

IMPRISONED ON FALSE CHARGES (vv. 16-21)

So, she was ready when Potiphar came home; not even Joseph could deny the shirt, and the other men would corroborate her story if she needed them. Her reference to the Hebrew servant was obviously contemptuous, and she pinned most of the blame for him on Potiphar. Certainly she resented Joseph spurning her, but she may have had still another reason for wanting to get rid of him.

Potiphar reacted as she knew he would; after all, it was her word against that of a slave. Slave-owners have generally had a low opinion of the morality of their slaves. To Potiphar's credit, he sent Joseph to prison instead of executing him.

But the Lord knew where he was, and he led the warden to notice Joseph and see unusual qualities in him. Soon he gave him control over the other prisoners, and Joseph's skill in administration showed up the management of the prison. Because the Lord was with him, whatever he did succeeded.



Above The Arctic Circle

The Co-operative Program has helped to make possible a Christian Baptist witness in Kiana, an Eskimo village 35 miles above the Arctic Circle. This witness has been a light steadily shining in the darkness of sin.

Gospel seed has been planted in the hearts of children through Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, the missionary organizations, camps, and many other activities. Adults often mention that children behave better when the mission is open. When closed for a lengthy time, these remarks are heard, "It's time for the missionary to come. The children are getting bad!"

Almost dear, a woman came to the Baptist Mission. She came again and again because in the services she could feel a warmth inside her heart. She responded to God's drawing love by making a commitment to Jesus Christ.

Another with a bad reputation was touched when the missionaries did not "turn their backs upon her." She came to the mission and soon committed her life to Jesus. She has often said, "If Baptists had not come to my village, I perhaps would never have become a Christian."

All this, and more, is possible because of the Cooperative Program. Thank you, Mississippi Baptists, for loving and caring enough to make God's work in Kiana possible.

Valeria Sherard
Kiana, Alaska

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Probing Your Motives

By Bill Duncan
Matt. 6:1-18

A motive is an inner force, such as impulse, urge, desire or appetite, that moves one to act. Every voluntary act we perform originates in a motive of some kind.



There are good motives and bad, high motives and low, worthy and unworthy motives. We are more accountable for our motives than for our acts. The morality of an act depends upon the motive back of it. An act may be better in its effects than was the motive which originated it. Often we have reason to be ashamed of our best actions when we consider the motive from which they sprang.

To examine one's own motives is a daunting and a shaming thing, for there are few things in this world that even the best of us do with completely unmixed motives. Even a preacher who is most sincere is not altogether free from the danger of self-satisfaction in having preached a good sermon. Someone thought that it was John Bunyan who was once told that he had preached well that day and who answered sadly, "The devil already told me that as I was coming down the pulpit steps."

If we give generously and liberally to some good cause, it may be that there lingers in the depths of our hearts some contentment in basking in the sunshine of our own self-approval, some pleasure in the praise and thanks and credit which we will receive.

To the Jews there were three great works of the religious life, three great pillars on which the good life was based — almsgiving, prayer, and fasting. Jesus would not dispute the value of these, but what troubled him was that the finest things were done from the wrong motives. Were these religious acts done to bring glory to the doer or to God?

WHY DO YOU GIVE?

A man may give money, not really to help the person to whom he gives but, simply to demonstrate his own generosity and to enjoy someone's gratitude or someone's praise. During the synagogue services offerings were taken for the poor and it was done in such a way that people could see what and who gave. Jesus spoke out against those who took care that others should see how much they gave. People like that put on an act of giving which is designed only to glorify themselves.

Some people give out of a sense of duty. A person may not want to give, but because he feels he cannot escape the duty, he gives. The one thing he never gives is himself, and therefore the giving is incomplete.

Some people give not to help someone else but to gratify their own vanity and sense of power. Unless the giver is thanked, praised, and honored, he is disgruntled and discontented.

Some people give because they have to. There is an overflowing love and kindness in this giver's heart that will allow him to do no other. This man has a sense of responsibility for a man in need, or for a cause. There you have the real giving which is a kind of overflow of the love of God.

WHY DO WE PRAY?

A man may pray in such a way that his prayer is addressed to men rather than God. His praying may simply be an attempt to demonstrate his exceptional piety in such a way that no one can fail to see it.

The Jews and Jesus ranked prayer as one of the great acts of faith. The right motive for prayer will bring the right result. When prayers are prayed for men's ears instead of God's, the one praying is satisfied with men's praise rather than God's response.

In Jesus' day prayer had come to a dangerous position. There was the idea that length meant devotion. Repetition had replaced heart feelings in prayer. People were more conscious of how they were praying than what they were saying. The fact was well known that many prayed just to be seen of men.

The right motive for prayer comes out of a mind where there is no thought or no desire in the heart but God, whether in public or in private prayer. We should always remember that the God to whom we pray is a God of love who is more ready to answer than we are to pray. He already knows our needs before we pray.

In the Lord's prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray we find a model for Christians to use. Jesus teaches us to bring the whole of life to the whole of God, and to bring the whole of God to the whole life.

WHY DO WE FAST?

Do you fast? Should you fast? In Jesus' day fasting was to be a personal experience of deeper commitment to God. In this life, any Christian act should be done not as a theatrical performance seeking applause.

Jesus fasted and many others in the New Testament fasted. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus

warned his listeners against hypocrisy. Sometimes fasting was a preparation for revelation. The fast was to draw the attention of God to the person who fasted. Fasting was a deliberate attempt to prove that penitence was real. It was meant to be a proof of repentance. Even the rabbis said that fasting for its own sake was valueless.

God knows the difference between self-discipline and self-display. Fasting may be beneficial to health and it certainly teaches one to avoid the habits as a slave. It can preserve the ability to do without things.

Since fasting is not one of the religious acts that we practice like giving, let me remind you of some motives for fasting used today.

There are some battles that will not be won without prayer and fasting. There is something urgent about the situation which draws us away from the meal table to the prayer altar which moves God into action. Fasting is a way to keep the matter for which we are praying before us and the Lord all the time.

Soul — deep sincerity, not religious showmanship, is the hallmark of the kingdom of heaven. The spirit of pride is the antithesis of the spirit of the kingdom of heaven. Remember the motive is what God sees.

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A Woman's World Reaches For
Beyond the Ironing Board
—Wilda Fancher—

Today I want to talk about election day and good teachers — a likely combination?

James, Jim, and I were sitting in the den about seven o'clock in the morning on November 4, sort of setting our sails for the day. James had driven home the night before after revival services some hundred and fifty miles away, getting in long after Jim was asleep.

As we sat in the den talking, Jim said, "Well, Papa, I must say I'm proud of you . . ." and, as he paused, I thought how nice of Jim to think to congratulate James, . . . for driving all the way home to be here to vote."

I looked at James, and we laughed. Then I said, "Jim, I thought you were going to say 'For being listed in the first edition of WHO'S WHO IN RELIGION IN AMERICA'."

Jim said, "Well, that, too. But especially for voting."

How did a high school senior get so engrossed in the gubernatorial race that knowing his Dad drove home to vote rated above seeing his Dad's name in the WHO'S WHO volume that had come in the mail the day before? Because of some good teachers who cared enough to go to a lot of trouble and because of several classes of students who were responsible enough to accept their teachers' leadership of participation and involvement. At Callaway High current events became more than clippings from the morning paper or snatches from the TV newscast. All three gubernatorial candidates were invited to speak and answer questions. All three came. Television news coverage was given; radio news coverage was given. The entire procedure of election was carried through. The Chancery Clerk came to the school to verify the results of the vote count.

Hours and hours of planning and arranging piled up. How does a teacher tell if it was worth it? It stands to reason that hundreds of Callaway students became personally involved in the destiny of their state through this learning experience. It would be interesting if a follow-up could be done 15 or 20 years from now to see how many of these students remain interested and participate in voting.

It also stands to reason that future teachers now in this high school group will look back, and remembering, will be willing to take the harder way for helping

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NYERI, Kenya — Two students at Nyeri Baptist High School represented their school in a recent national agricultural show. They competed in poultry and dairy cattle judging. One boy placed second in the nation for cattle judging.

their students to created learning experiences.

It also stands to reason that parents are appreciative of such efforts that involve their children. Chances are we don't express our appreciation enough. Though it isn't Be-kind-to-your-teacher Day, it is a good day for telling them "Thank you." If some teacher has gone beyond the required work day for your child's school experiences, she deserves an evidence of appreciation.

Paraphrasing and incidentally, and by way of a point of personal privilege, we don't know who decided which evangelists to include in WHO'S WHO, but I think whoever it was did well. Billy Graham is listed on page 218.

JIMMY CARTER
STRAIGHT-TALKS AMERICA:

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